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SOME ACCOUNT

OF THE

Lower Family in America

PRINCIPALLY OF THE DESCENDANTS
OF ADAM LOWER

who settled in Williamsburg, Pa., in 1779

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*The man who takes no pride in his ancestors is not likely
to have his descendants take any pride in him.*

To all the present and future generations of

LOWERS

especially to all the writer's relatives,
this Genealogy of the family is affectionately
dedicated,

as a matter of pleasure and duty,
with the hope that some one of them will continue the work
as conditions require; that none of them will ever commit
an act that might cause a blush of shame on the face
of any member of the family, or that they would
not willingly see published with their names
by future writers of the family history.

INTRODUCTION.

The work of preparing this book has been done during the idle moments of the writer, while resting from his regular work, and has, therefore, been a pastime, as well as a pleasure. The preparation of private records, in that more durable form which printing alone can assure, is a laudable object, and worthy of approval. It has also been a work of love, in which this Scripture injunction has been heeded: "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father and he will shew thee, thy elders and they will tell thee" (Deuteronomy xxxii. 7).

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It is natural for all persons of intelligence to desire knowledge of their ancestors, and to speculate as to what their posterity will be to future history. While this is not a complete history of the Lower family in America, or possibly not of any one branch of it, the compiler has striven to have every record verified, and believes, therefore, it is as accurate, if not as complete, as is possible to attain under existing circumstances. It is with regret that the work must be presented in its imperfect condition, and the author will ask that any error or omission noticed by any reader be at once referred to him, giving the correct history and genealogy, which will be carefully filed away for the use of future writers of the family history and in the revision of this work.

We know there are some errors and many omis-

sions, as our information in many instances has been secured from church records and gravestones, which are not always correct. In other instances we have had to depend upon some member of the family furnishing the information desired, and where they could not or would not furnish it, we were compelled to omit that portion, with the hopes that some other member will supply the desired information, to be used by future writers of the family history or in the revision of this work.

However, we are pleased to state that but few of the kinsmen with whom we have corresponded and asked for information have neglected or refused to furnish it, and to many of them we are deeply indebted for the accurate history, genealogies and biographies herein contained. To belong to a family who for generations have earned respect, to be able to look back to forefathers who lived well and did their life's work bravely, doing their best to uphold the right in domestic and national affairs, is a birthright of which any one may well be proud. Intelligence, honesty and courage — qualities which make for good in every country — have ever been characteristic of those who bear our name. May it so continue.

THE AUTHOR.

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY
—OR—
ADAM LOWER AND HIS POSTERITY.

ADAM LOWER lived most of his life in Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa. This town was in Huntingdon County in his day. He died there at the age of seventy-eight, and was buried in the cemetery by the old stone church, which was either Lutheran or German Reform. His wife, Elizabeth, died before him, and he married the second time. In this history we designate the line by the use of the word generation, beginning with ADAM LOWER.

FIRST GENERATION.

ADAM LOWER was born in Germany, Würtemburg, in A. D. 1755. He and a sister lived with their grandfather. His mother died when he was young. Of this family we have but a meager traditional history, but family tradition has it that his father was a Major in the German army, and in an engagement during the Seven Years' War, in which his command was practically annihilated, he swam the river Rhine, and upon reaching the opposite shore found several bullets lodged in his helmet. It is also understood he was killed in an engagement during that war, though we have no record as to place or date.

Adam Lower's grandfather was very wealthy, and gained his wealth in this way: The cholera in a city

in Germany (Würtemburg) caused the living to flee, and he received an enormous fortune for clearing the city of its dead. For some reason, when a young man Adam ran away from his grandfather's home and came to America. He had only money enough to pay part of his ship fare, and when he landed in America was sold in bondage to pay the balance of the fare. He had to serve eight years in bondage to satisfy the debt.

When the Revolutionary War broke out he secured his freedom by enlisting in the Continental army, which was in accordance with a law passed by the Continental Congress, giving freedom to all white persons, then serving in bondage, who would enlist in the Continental army.

We find the following Revolutionary record of Adam Lower in the Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. III:

A Muster Roll of Captain William Heyser's Company, of the German Regiment commanded by Baron Arendt, Colonel.

Quibble Town, May 22, 1777.

Captain,

WILLIAM HEYSER, July 12, 1776.

Privates,

Among whom is ADAM LOWER.

The first record of settlement was in Maxatawney Township, Berks County, Pa. The following is the Certificate of Naturalization:

Berks County, }
Pennsylvania. } ss.

I do hereby certify that Adam *Lauer*, of Maxatawney Township, hath voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance and

fidelity, as directed by an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed the 13th day of June, A. D. 1777.

Witness my hand and seal the 18th day of July, A. D. 1778.

SAMUEL ELY (L. S.).

In his naturalization papers the name is spelled *Lauer*, which is the correct spelling, according to the German, but later the spelling was changed to *Lower*, which spelling has been used by all his children.

According to date he would have been about twenty-three years of age at the time of taking the oath of allegiance to the United States of America. We have no definite date of his marriage, but, considering the date of his wife's death, June 17, 1806, at the age of forty-nine, and the fact that eleven children were born, possibly two years apart, we can approximate the date of marriage. Allowing twenty-two or twenty-four years for the births of the children, and subtracting that number from her age, would make her about twenty-five and Adam Lower about twenty-seven at their marriage. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Keiser. She was born on board a ship en route from Germany to America, A. D. 1757. The record on her tombstone in Williamsburg, Pa., is Elisabeta *Lauer*.

We have no record of Adam Lower's removal from Berks County, Pa., to Williamsburg, Pa., then in Huntingdon County, now Blair County. Adam Lower bought land near Williamsburg for farms, and also lots in town. Many of his children married in and near Williamsburg and remained there for many years. He was a weaver by trade, and had a loom in his log

house at the foot of the hill below the Methodist Church, in Williamsburg.

It is said that Adam Lower gave a man named Ulric a power of attorney to go to Germany and collect the estate of his grandfather. The man went, and was supposed to have obtained the estate, but never returned, nor made a settlement with Adam Lower. This was a source of trouble to Adam, fearing that his sister had been robbed of her share of the estate. He never heard from his sister.

Adam Lower married a second wife, named Nancy Diggins, who had a son named John Diggins. The author can just remember this grandmother. I was born in 1829 and grandfather died April 16, 1833.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ADAM LOWER.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Adam Lower, of the Borough of Williamsburg, in the County of Huntingdon, and State of Pennsylvania, being weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, and revoking all former wills by me made.

I do order and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied, out of my personal estate, as soon as conveniently can be after my decease.

Item the first:

I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy all that messuage and tract of land which I purchased from Daniel Clapper, situate and lying in Frankstown Township, in the county of said adjoining lands of Daniel Clapper, Williams Rhodes and others, together with all my personal property that I now possess, during her natural life, provided she should survive me.

Also the one-fourth of the income of the land occupied by my sons George and Daniel, yearly, with the one-half of

all the fruit of the orchard, in the tenure of my son Daniel. Also the interest of a note I hold against John Lower, to amount of sixty (\$60.00) dollars, is to be paid yearly.

Also the yearly interest of two several notes I hold against Henry Lower, one of one hundred dollars, and the other of twenty-five dollars, for and during her natural life. And after her decease my will is that all the described property, both real and personal and mixed, or any more that I may possess, shall be sold by my executor, with full power to convey the same to the purchasers, and the proceeds thereof shall be equally divided between all my children, share and share alike.

And it is further my will that the articles of agreement made between me and my sons, George and Daniel, are to be fulfilled to my wife, Nancy, during her natural life in the same manner and in the same proportion as they were made payable to me.

And lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint David Ake to be the executor of this, my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

Signed and sealed by the testator, as his last will and testament, in the presence of us.

GEORGE DAVIS.

ADAM LOWER [SEAL].

THOMAS PATTERSON.

(In German.)

Sworn and subscribed the 27th day of April, 1833, before

D. R. PORTER, *Register.*

GEORGE DAVIS.

THOMAS PATTERSON.

Huntingdon County, Penn., ss.

I, David R. Porter, Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting letters of administration, in and for said County of Huntingdon, do certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Adam Lower, deceased, with the probate thereon taken, duly registered, and remaining on file in the Register's office of said county. In

testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the said office at Huntingdon the 29th day of April, 1833.

D. R. PORTER, *Register.*

SECOND GENERATION.

Children of Adam and Elizabeth (Keiser) Lower.

George, Jacob, Adam, Henry, Daniel, John, David, Catherine (Mrs. Clapper), Elizabeth (Mrs. Wiltrot), Sarah (Mrs. Yarger), and Mary (called Polley). George was the oldest and David the youngest of the children.

GEORGE LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth (Keiser) Lower, born in 1782, died May 8, 1859. Mary Lower, his wife, born in 1784, died February 15, 1850. They were Lutherans, and are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery in Williamsburg, Pa. Their home was on a farm about a mile south of the town.

THIRD GENERATION.

SAMUEL LOWER, of George and Mary Lower, was married, and lived many years on a small farm near his father. They had some children. One daughter married John Alley, of Williamsburg. Samuel moved to Indiana, Indiana County, Pa. About this time his wife died, and he married the second time, and to this union were born three children. He died in 1884, and was buried in the Rush Valley Lutheran Cemetery. We have no family record of theirs, and therefore can not give much information as to the children. One son of the first marriage moved to Washington in 1890. One son of the second marriage was living with his mother in Indiana, Pa., in 1899; his name is M. L.

Lower. At that time the mother was stricken with paralysis. Here ends Samuel's history.

ADAM LOWER, of George and Mary Lower, married Catherine Tomas. To them were born six children, as follows: Elizabeth, George W., Margaret, Anna Delila, Rossanna, and William H. The mother, Catherine (Tomas) Lower, died in 1853, in Indiana County, Pa., where the family were raised on a small farm. Adam was married a second time, this time to Mrs. Catherine Grimes. To this union were born two sons, Martin and David, who both live in Indiana, Indiana County, Pa. (1912). Adam was a forgeman by trade, and worked for many years in a forge near Williamsburg, Pa. He died in January, 1893.

FOURTH GENERATION.

ELIZABETH LOWER, of Adam and Catherine (Tomas) Lower, married Stephen Rand, and lives at Penn Run, Indiana County, Pa. They have no children.

GEORGE W. LOWER, of Adam and Catherine (Tomas) Lower, married Elizabeth Greaser. They had six children, of whom three are living. They live at Royer, Blair County, Pa. He served three years in the Civil War (Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania).

MARGARET LOWER, of Adam and Catherine (Tomas) Lower, married Andrew Detviler in 1865. She died in 1872, being survived by her husband, two daughters and one son. The son died a few years after his mother.

ANNA DELILA LOWER, of Adam and Catherine (Tomas) Lower, married John McLaren. To them

were born seven children. He died in 1899. She lives in Indiana, Indiana County, Pa.

ROSSANNA LOWER, of Adam and Catherine (Tomas) Lower, married John Isenberg. To them were born ten children. They live in Indiana, Indiana County, Pa.

WILLIAM H. LOWER, of Adam and Catherine (Tomas) Lower, born December 2, 1846; married, January 8, 1874, to Anna Elizabeth Snively, who was born December 31, 1850. To this union was born seven children, as follows: David Franklin, Clara C., Ira Oscar, Hannah S., Barbara Ruth, William R., and Mary Edith. William H. is the present owner of the old David Lower homestead on Piney Creek, south of Williamsburg, Pa.; it being one of the several farms near Williamsburg formerly owned by his great-grandfather, Adam Lower. He resides at Williamsburg, Pa.

FIFTH GENERATION.

DAVID FRANKLIN LOWER, of William H. and Anna E. (Snively) Lower, born December 14, 1875; married Hannah Showalter. They have three children, as follows: Ethel Irene, aged fourteen years; Anna Ruth, aged seven years, and Willis Leroy, aged five years. Their present home is near Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa.

CLARA C. LOWER, of William H. and Anna E. (Snively) Lower, born December 2, 1877; married Norman Stultz. They have four children, as follows: Wilmer L., aged twelve years; Samuel Elwood, aged nine years; Frances May, aged four years; Mable C.,

aged two years. Their present home is near Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa.

IRA OSCAR LOWER, of William H. and Anna E. (Snively) Lower, born June 2, 1880; unmarried. His present home is four miles south of Williamsburg, Pa.

HANNAH S. LOWER, of William H. and Anna E. (Snively) Lower, born September 4, 1881; unmarried. Present address, Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa.

BARBARA RUTH LOWER, of William H. and Anna E. (Snively) Lower, born July 28, 1883; married Archibald Gunnett. They have no children. They reside near Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa.

WILLIAM R. LOWER, of William H. and Anna E. (Snively) Lower, born May 19, 1885; married Bertha Brumbaugh. They have two children, Kathleen, aged four years, and Martha E., aged two years (1912). Their present address is, "Rose Lawn," Eldorado, Blair County, Pa.

MARY EDITH LOWER, of William H. and Anna E. (Snively) Lower, born December 21, 1887; unmarried. Present address, Williamsburg, Pa.

THIRD GENERATION.

PAUL LOWER, of George and Mary Lower, married, and lived near his father for some years. They had a few children, and later moved to Indiana, Indiana County, Pa., where he died in 1893. We have no record of the family.

WILLIAM LOWER, of George and Mary Lower, married Elizabeth Snively in Morrison Cove, Pa., near Williamsburg. They lived on a farm. They had two

children, a son, David, and daughter, Elizabeth. David married and had five children, three sons and two daughters. Elizabeth married and had one son. William died March 15, 1868, aged forty years, six months and twenty-six days. Elizabeth Lower, his wife, died September 5, 1887, aged sixty-five years, ten months and five days. They are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery in Williamsburg, Pa.

THIRD GENERATION.

CATHERINE LOWER, of George and Mary Lower, married Robert Maxwell, a plasterer by trade. They lived in Williamsburg. They had some children. One daughter, Mary Margaret, married Ezra Brisban. He enlisted in the Union army and never returned home, but we have no record of his death. In 1899 she was living in West Philadelphia, at 6343 Saybrook Avenue. Another daughter, Kate Onor, lived in Strongstown, Indiana County, Pa., in 1899. We have no family record, and therefore our information is limited. Mrs. Catherine (Lower) Maxwell died of cancer of the breast. They attended the Lutheran Church.

THIRD GENERATION.

EVE LOWER, of George and Mary Lower, married George Eiholtz at the age of seventeen. They lived near his father's on Piney Creek, about two miles from Williamsburg, on a farm, for many years. God gave them eight children, three sons and five daughters. One of the sons died two years before his father, who died in 1855, aged fifty-four years. In 1864 the family

moved to near Frankstown, Blair County, Pa. She became a Christian at an early age and united with the Lutheran Church at Williamsburg. She lived an earnest Christian life, and died in the triumph of a living faith at her home, after having bidden farewell and given good advice to her seven children and five grandchildren, who gathered around her bed. She was fifty-nine years, seven months and twenty-seven days of age at that time. July 15, 1876, her children were all living, and so far as we know at this writing they may still be living. Her children were all members of the Lutheran Church.

FOURTH GENERATION.

CHARLES EIHOLTZ, of Eve (Lower) Eiholtz and George Eiholtz, married Henrietta Lindsey. They had three daughters and two sons. He enlisted in the Ninety-second Illinois Infantry, and after the close of the Civil War settled in Geeseytown, Pa. The last record we have of him he had lost his wife and his sister, Charlotte Ann, was keeping house for him in Geeseytown, Pa.

GEORGE EIHOLTZ, of Eve (Lower) and George Eiholtz, married Ellen Louden. They had five children. One little boy, named Dean Lower, died.

HENRY SNIDER EIHOLTZ, of Eve (Lower) and George Eiholtz, was buried in Williamsburg, but all the others were buried in the Geeseytown Cemetery. We can not trace this record farther in this brief history.

THIRD GENERATION.

SUSAN LOWER, of George and Mary Lower, married William Speelman, but no record for information. In 1899 she was living near her brothers in Indiana, Indiana County, Pa. We understand the records of George and Mary Lower were sent to Paul Lower's children, but we have not access to them for further information. Here we leave their history.

SECOND GENERATION.

ADAM LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower. In an early day he moved to Sandyville, O., married, and had a large family. We have no record of the family, so can give but little history of them. We understand they also lived at Bristol, O., but letters addressed to his descendants at both Bristol and Sandyville, O., have been returned to the writer, which would indicate that none of the descendants live at either address. He had one son, named George Lower, which is the only name the writer has been able to learn of. Should this history reach any of his descendants, they will know why their history has been omitted, and will confer a favor upon the author by putting him in communication with some of the family.

SECOND GENERATION.

JACOB LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower. Of Jacob Lower but little is known, except that he went West when a young man, possibly to Ohio or Indiana, and was never heard of thereafter by any of the family, and his name has gone down in the family tradition as the "lost brother." There is such a simi-

HANNAH (STEELE) LOWER, 1794.



HENRY LOWER, 1794—.



larity of names and locations as to almost warrant the belief that the Lower brothers of Hot Springs, Ark., whose history and genealogy is appended hereto, are among his descendants.

SECOND GENERATION.

HENRY LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, was born September 18, 1794. His wife's name was Hannah Steele. She was born August 17, 1794. They were married June 19, 1817, at Williamsburg, Pa. To them ten children were born: Jane Elizabeth, Henry Steele, Agabella, David H., John, William, Jesse, Martha Ann, Leah, and Hannah Mary. Agabella died March 4, 1828, and William died July 13, 1829. Henry Lower was a tailor by trade, and worked at his trade for many years in Williamsburg, Pa., where all the children were born. Then he moved to Stone Creek, in Huntingdon County, Pa., on a farm, then later in life he moved to Davenport, Iowa, and the last years of their lives they lived at Jefferson, Iowa. He died first, and was buried at Jefferson. His wife died at the age of about ninety years, and was buried at Jefferson, Iowa. They were Presbyterians.

THIRD GENERATION.

JANE ELIZABETH, of Henry and Hannah Lower, was born April 18, 1818, and married William Wray February 15, 1838. He was born November 24, 1815. William Wray was a blacksmith by trade, and worked at it for many years, but the latter part of his life they lived on a farm near Spruce Creek, Huntingdon County, Pa. There she died May 19, 1887. He died

June 3, 1891. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, where they attended church and the children were brought up.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Children of Jane Elizabeth (Lower) Wray and William Wray.

Regina Maria Wray was born February 19, 1839.
Jane Ann Wray was born April 6, 1841.

David Lower Wray was born January 12, 1843.

Hannah Mary Wray was born July 19, 1845.

Alvenia Martha Wray was born March 7, 1848.

Adah Kate Wray was born July 22, 1850.

James Henry Wray was born March 4, 1853.

William Porter Wray was born July 8, 1855.

George Hamilton Wray was born January 8, 1858.

Warren Burton Wray was born December 4, 1860.

REGINA MARIA WRAY married James Porter Hazlett December 28, 1865. Their children are: Harry F., Lizzie W., William F., and Margaret M. Mr. Hazlett and son, William, are dead. Mrs. Regina M. Hazlett lives in Altoona, Pa. (1912).

FIFTH GENERATION.

HARRY F. HAZLETT, of Regina M. and James P. Hazlett, lives in Pueblo, Col., and is a practicing physician.

FOURTH GENERATION.

JANE ANN WRAY married S. E. Stewart December 26, 1867. Their children are: William W., R. Edward, James L., Bessie W., and Edith B.

DAVID LOWER WRAY married Caroline Wallace May 16, 1867. Their children are: Gertrude W., Elizabeth E., Hannah C., James Clement, Ethel R., Robert W., Catherine, and Charles. Charles is dead.

HANNAH MARY WRAY married William H. Wallace December 22, 1870. Their children are: Charles L. and Jennie E.

WILLIAM PORTER WRAY married Lizzie Bromley October 26, 1881. Their children are: William E., Vincent, and Mary.

GEORGE HAMILTON WRAY married Anna B. Laferty September 25, 1883. Their children are: Lee P., Elda L., Chester B., and Fred C.

JAMES HENRY WRAY married Kate Giberson November 6, 1879. Their children are: Edna E. and Lucile. James H. Wray was a physician, and lived in Winterset, Iowa, from 1877 until his death, November 11, 1896.

ALVENIA MARTHA WRAY married William R. Moore January 9, 1873. Their children are: Jennie E., J. Lee (dead), Helen W., William W., and Walter E.

In 1899 David Lower Wray was at home in Bellwood, Blair County, Pa. He had been sight-seeing in Cuba.

THIRD GENERATION.

HENRY STEELE LOWER, of Henry and Hannah Lower, born January 18, 1820; married Mary Hileman in 1846. She was born October 1, 1816. Their children are:

Clarissa, born April 24, 1847.

Annetta, born September 25, 1849.

James B., born March 21, 1851.

Richard S., born March 15, 1854.

Kate, born March 15, 1856.

Charles D., born August 5, 1857.

Marriages of the Children.

Clarissa married J. R. Holmes in Chicago in 1890.

James B. married Florida Culter September 8, 1875.

Richard S. married Jessie Beard in September, 1893, and lives in Scranton, Iowa.

Kate married George W. Brook in 1877. He died in 1892, leaving his widow and four children, who reside in Jefferson, Iowa.

Charles D. married Cynthia Ball in 1895.

Henry Steele Lower first learned the tailor trade with his father, and afterward learned blacksmithing. His wife, Mary, was a Presbyterian when they lived in Williamsburg, Pa., many years before they moved to Iowa, where he died April 7, 1892.

DAVID H. LOWER, of Henry and Hannah Lower, born at Williamsburg, Pa., January 20, 1823, died at Devizes, Norton County, Kan., March 31, 1900. He married Susannah Carbaugh February 20, 1845. She was born March 4, 1826, and died at Kinsley, Edwards County, Kan., March 28, 1899. They had lived together fifty-four years, and were buried together in the Kinsley Cemetery, at Kinsley, Kan. David H. was a carpenter by trade, which trade he followed for many years at Hunting, Pa. About the year 1850 he, with his wife and small children, embarked for the West,



DAVID H. LOWER,

1823-1900.



SUSANNAH (CARBAUGH) LOWER,

1826-1899.

locating in Scott County, Iowa, then a pioneer country. In 1867 they left Scott County, Iowa, overland, for Kansas, but when reaching Grundy County, Mo., decided to return to Iowa. At Newton, Jasper County, he secured work, where they remained but a short time, when they moved to a farm near Mechanicsville, and in November of the same year returned to Scott County, where he purchased a small farm of forty acres. Here the family lived until 1870, when he traded the farm for land in Poweskiek County, near Brooklyn, Iowa. Here they remained until 1877, when they again started overland for Kansas, and located on a farm near Clyde, Kan., in Cloud County. Here they farmed for two years, when they moved overland to Norton County, Kan., and took a home-stead eleven miles northwest of Norton, Kan. Here they remained three years, or until 1882, during which was a period of crop failure and hard times throughout that section of the country, when they again loaded their wagons and started overland across the plains of Western Kansas for Greeley, Col., to see what fortune would offer them. This was at a time when the plains of Western Kansas were looked upon as a land of romance, and when strange tales of Indians, buffaloes and exciting adventures were being told back in the more conservative East. For three days' drive across those wide, level prairies they saw but three persons, being two cowboys and a Mexican, whom they were pleased to meet. During those three days' drive they were compelled to carry water in their wagons

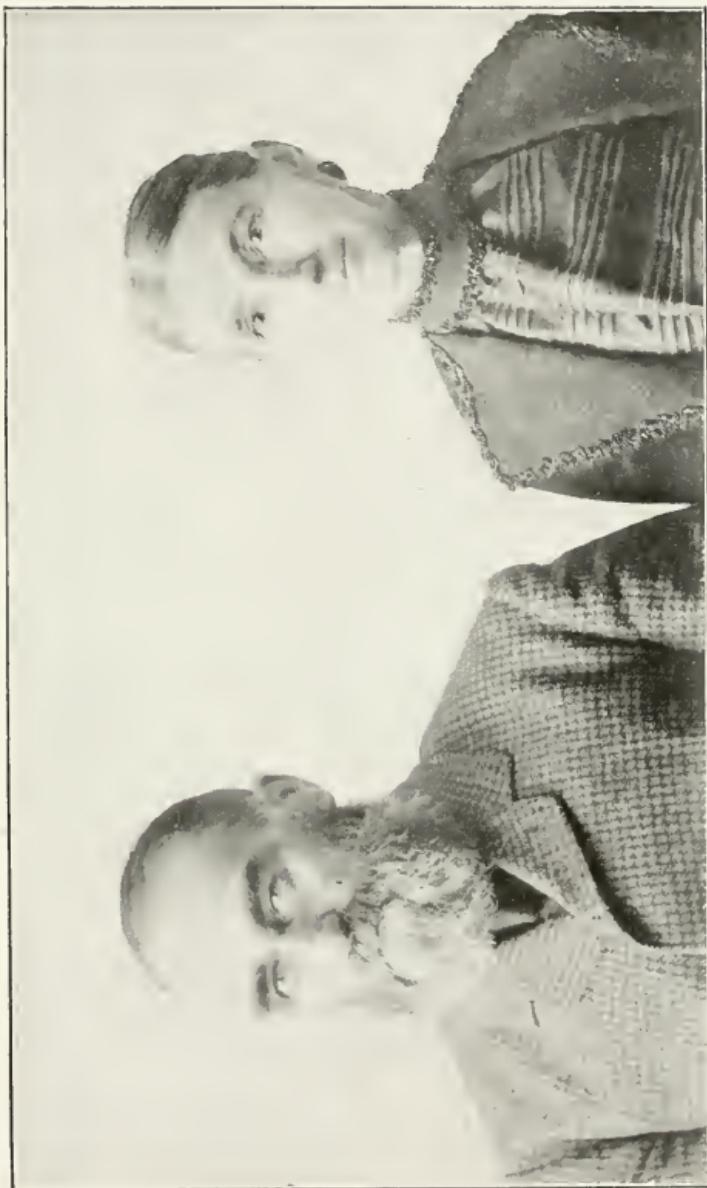
for their horses. In July, 1883, they again started for Kansas by wagon, this time driving down the Platte River, and located at Cawker City, Kan., in Mitchell County, where they lived until September, 1886, when they moved to Phillipsburg, Kan. In August, 1889, they moved to Licking, Texas County, Mo., where they lived but one year, when they were glad to leave the Ozarks, and again started for Kansas, but stopping at Deepwater, Mo., until April, 1891, when they moved to Pawnee County, Kan. Here Mrs. Lower died March 28, 1899, when David H. went to live with a daughter, Mrs. Jennie A. Railsbach, near Devizes, Norton County, Kan., where he died the following March. Their children are as follows: Clara M., Jennie A., Claretta M., Inez R., Franklin P., Edgar C., John Delmer, Ida M., Lula M., D. Harry, and Willie.

FOURTH GENERATION.

CLARA M. LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born at Hunting, Pa., May 2, 1846; married William M. Alter November 19, 1868; died at Windsor, Col., January 12, 1905. William M. Alter was born at Scalplevel, Pa., in August, 1846, and is at this time (1912) living at Windsor, Col. Their children:

FIFTH GENERATION.

ISOLA S. ALTER, of William M. and Clara M. (Lower) Alter, born August 30, 1874; married March 7, 1901, to Robert E. Hanna. To them was born a daughter, Clara Marguerite Hanna, February 16, 1902.



WILLIAM H. AND JENNIE A. RAABSBACH.

They live at Windsor, Weld County, Col., where Robert E. is postmaster, and director in the Windsor bank. In politics he is a Republican. Mrs. Hanna is a member of the Methodist Church.

DELMER L. ALTER, of William M. and Clara M. (Lower) Alter, born November 19, 1881; married Bertha Scott. They have no children, and their home is in Portland, Ore.

FOURTH GENERATION.

JENNIE A. LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born at Hunting, Pa., April 18, 1848. When about two years of age her parents moved to Iowa, where she grew to womanhood. On June 13, 1872, she was married to Jerome B. Daniels at Malm-
comb, Iowa. To them were born three children, as follows: Eugene William, Ralph Lionel, and Edith Myrtle. In 1877 they moved to Kansas, settling in Jewell County, where Jerome B. died February 22, 1879. The same spring she went to Norton County, Kan., where her father and two brothers-in-law had taken homesteads. Here she met William H. Railsbach, whom she married. He was born at Ladoga, Crawford County, Ind., April 7, 1841. His parents were natives of Kentucky. To them were born two sons, David Harry and Squire Simpson. William H. owned a stock ranch near Devizes, Norton County, Kan., which they operated for many years, and which they sold, and located in 1901 at Prosser, Wash., pur-
chasing land in the Yakima Valley, where they now reside (1912).

FIFTH GENERATION.

EUGENE WILLIAM DANIELS, of Jerome B. and Jennie A. (Lower) Daniels, born near Davenport, Iowa, May 9, 1873; married Katherine Smith September 20, 1905, at Butte, Mont. She was a native of Iowa. They have one child, a son, Ewing C. Daniels, born June 9, 1906. They now reside in Portland, Ore.

RALPH L. DANIELS, of Jerome B. and Jennie A. (Lower) Daniels, born near Davenport, Iowa, January 26, 1875; married Maud Smith December 21, 1910, in Walla Walla, Wash., where they now reside. They have no children.

EDITH MYRTLE DANIELS, of Jerome B. and Jennie A. (Lower) Daniels, born near Brooklyn, Pouskieck County, Iowa, April 19, 1877; married Silas B. Simmons, of Devizes, Norton County, Kan., December 20, 1899. They moved to Washington, and settled on a homestead near Touchet, Walla Walla County, where Silas B. died November 20, 1905. To them were born three children, as follows:

Hazel Faye, born October 9, 1900.

Dale Spencer, born September 4, 1901.

Iva Marie, born January 3, 1903.

Edith Myrtle now resides at Prosser, Wash.

FIFTH GENERATION.

DAVID HARRY RAILSBACK, of William H. and Jennie A. (Lower) Railsbach, born at Devizes, Norton County, Kan., November 5, 1881. He is at present at home with his parents in Prosser, Wash.

SQUIRE SIMPSON RAILSBACK, of William H. and

Jennie A. (Lower) Railsbach, born at Devizes, Norton County, Kan., December 17, 1883. He is at present at home with his parents in Prosser, Wash.

FOURTH GENERATION.

CLARETTA M. LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born September 2, 1849; died May 13, 1850.

INEZ R. LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born in Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa, April 9, 1851. When very young her parents moved to Scott County, Iowa, near Davenport, where she grew to womanhood, when they moved to Pouskiek County, near Montezuma, where she was married to B. F. Owens December 25, 1873. Two children were born of this marriage, Viola and William Lynn. At this time they were living in Cloud County, Kan., near Clyde. B. F. Owens was born in Perry County, Pa., April 13, 1850. His parents, Albert and Hannah Owens, moved to Iowa, when he was two years old. In 1879 they moved to Norton County, Kan., where they took up a homestead ten miles northwest of Norton, which they lived on for two years, when they paid out, secured their patent, and in the spring of 1882 located at Greeley, Col., where Mr. Owens died November 20, 1885. After his death, Inez R. went to her parents, who then resided at Cawker City, Kan., where she lived for one year, when she located in Phillipsburg, Kan., where, on July 15, 1888, she was married to William K. Stewart. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., January 12, 1846, of James and

Martha Stewart. They have one child, Era Grace. In 1894 they moved to Oregon and settled on a homestead in Umatilla County, twenty-one miles from La Grande, which they commuted in two years by his applying his time of enlistment in the Civil War. He enlisted in the Civil War in August, 1862, at Freeport, Armstrong County, Pa., and was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., in May, 1865. He is a farmer, but of recent years has been engaged in the livery and feed business in Walla Walla, Wash., where they now reside at 309 East Main Street. In the various moves through Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho, Mrs. Stewart has traveled the entire distance from the Mississippi River to Walla Walla, Wash., in a "prairie schooner."

FIFTH GENERATION.

VIOLA OWENS, of B. F. and Inez R. (Lower) Owens, born September 24, 1874; died at Milton, Ore., April 5, 1902.

WILLIAM LYNN OWENS, of B. F. and Inez R. (Lower) Owens, born near Clyde, Cloud County, Kan., July 28, 1878; married Gertrude Winters, in Colorado, February 14, 1900. They have two children, Elsie Viola, born April 20, 1902, and Raleigh F., born April 3, 1905. They reside at Colville, Wash.

ERA GRACE STEWART, of William K. and Inez R. (Lower) Stewart, born November 4, 1892.

FOURTH GENERATION.

FRANKLIN P. LOWER, of David H. and Susannah

(Carbaugh) Lower, born February 5, 1853; died February 18, 1853.

EDGAR C. LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born March 26, 1854; died March 30, 1856.

JOHN DELMER LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born in Scott County, Iowa, near Davenport, November 19, 1858; married Pearl Sprigg December 22, 1898. To them were born two children, as follows: Hazel Dell Lower, born August 7, 1900, and Cecil Clair Lower, born November 10, 1902. They now reside at Freewater, Ore.

IDA MAY LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born near Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, April 23, 1861; married Elmer W. Johnson at Phillipsburg, Kan., September 16, 1888. He was born August 18, 1865. Ida May moved with her parents to Kansas in 1877, settling on a farm in Cloud County, near Clyde, where they remained for two years, when they moved to Norton County, Kan., and took up a homestead eleven miles northwest of Norton, living there until 1882, when they moved overland to Greeley, Col. The following year she, with her parents, returned to Kansas, settling at Cawker City, in Mitchell County, where they lived until September, 1886, when they moved to Phillipsburg, Kan., where Ida May met and married Elmer W. Johnson.

After their marriage they moved to Texas County, Mo., in 1889, returning in 1891 to Pawnee County, Kan., where they settled on a homestead. In 1898

they sold their homestead and moved to New Windsor, Col. In February, 1907, they returned to Kansas, settling at Deerfield, and in January, 1908, removed to Berthoud, Col., where they now reside, and are engaged in farming. Their children are as follows:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Edna Luella Johnson, born November 29, 1889; married Guy G. Hunter November 26, 1908.

Vera Mable Johnson, born April 23, 1893.

Vernon Lower Johnson, born January 19, 1897.

Leora Maud Johnson, born September 15, 1900.

FOURTH GENERATION.

LUELLA MARGARET LOWER, of David H. and Susan-nah (Carbaugh) Lower, born in Scott County, Iowa, January 4, 1863, where she lived with her parents until 1877, when, with them, she moved to Cloud County, Kan., and in 1879 they again moved to a homestead eleven miles northwest of Norton, Kan. In 1882 they moved to Greeley, Col., and the following year settled in Cawker City, Kan. She married John F. Clark at Beloit, Mitchell County, Kan., March 4, 1885. In September, 1887, she, with her husband, moved to a farm in Norton County, Kan., where they have since lived. Their children are as follows:

FIFTH GENERATION.

WALTER LEON CLARK, of John F. and Luella M. (Lower) Clark, born in Norton County, Kan., March 5, 1886; married Mary Lodema Ervin January 3, 1906.

Their present address is Norton, Kan. Their children are as follows:

SIXTH GENERATION.

Loyal Ervin Clark, born in Norton County, Kan., November 15, 1906.

Elda Nadine Clark, born in Norton County, Kan., February 22, 1908.

Ethel Bernadine Clark, born in Norton County, Kan., December 1, 1909.

FIFTH GENERATION.

DELPHIN MAY CLARK, of John F. and Luella M. (Lower) Clark, born in Norton County, Kan., May 12, 1888. Present address, Norton, Kan.

ELSIE PEARLE CLARK, of John F. and Luella M. (Lower) Clark, born in Norton County, Kan., July 22, 1892. Present address, Norton, Kan.

FOURTH GENERATION.

D. HARRY LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born in Scott County, Iowa, April 23, 1865; married Sarah Ellen Johnson August 22, 1889. She was born May 26, 1863. She is a daughter of Isaac and Marilla Johnson. D. Harry, like all the balance of this branch of the Lower family, has been a "pioneer," moving with his parents to Cloud County, Kan., in 1877, and later to Norton County, Kan., then to Colorado, and later to Klamath Falls, Wash., where he resides at this time (1912). Their children are as follows: Roy Edwin Lower, born September 9, 1890; died September 24, 1890. Lyulph Harry Lower, born December 17, 1892.

WILLIE LOWER, of David H. and Susannah (Carbaugh) Lower, born March 2, 1868; died April 29, 1868.

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THIRD GENERATION.

JOHN J. LOWER, of Henry and Hannah Lower, born December 30, 1827; died in May, 1863. He married Margaret Milliken September 14, 1856; she was born June 29, 1825. To them were born two sons, Edward H. and J. E. Edward H. is married, and lives in Sioux City, Iowa. J. E. died in a hospital in Denver. John J. was a Union soldier, and died from an injury received from being thrown from a horse. He and his brother, Henry Steele Lower, were in the livery business in Davenport, Iowa. The mother lived with her sons for some time, then went to live with her brother-in-law, Benjamin Lower, in Ashkum, Ill., where she died December 17, 1907. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, having united with the church in Williamsburg, Pa.

MARTHA ANN LOWER, of Henry and Hannah Lower, born May 19, 1825; married Allen Hamment June 17, 1847. She lived but a short time near Hollidaysburg, Pa., and died without children. We know nothing of her husband since her death.

JESSE W. LOWER, of Henry and Hannah Lower, born in Williamsburg, Blair County (then Huntingdon County), Pa., November 11, 1831. Removed to Iowa in 1852, and married Salina Wyatt McCampbell September 19, 1854. She died in Monmouth, Crawford County, Kan., September 13, 1867. To them were born four children. Married again, December 9, 1869,

to Hannah Augusta Harvey, who died January 19, 1906, at Creswell, Ore.

FOURTH GENERATION.

WILLIAM PHYLANDER LOWER, of Jesse W. and Salina W. (McCormick) Lower, born August 9, 1855; married, February 18, 1876, to Mary Amanda Martin. To them were born ten children, as follows, all living at Creswell, Lane County, Ore.:

FIFTH GENERATION.

JESSE MARQUIS LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born December 10, 1877.

MARTIN MONROE LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born August 28, 1879.

MARION WYATT LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born October 7, 1881; married Charles John Schmitt October 7, 1902. To them has been born one child, Alma Nellie Schmitt, born June 28, 1905.

IDA MAY LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born July 18, 1883; married John Beak January 1, 1908. To them is born one child, Verda May Lower, born July 1, 1911.

AMANDA GERTRUDE LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born October 15, 1885.

HARRY STEELE LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born December 14, 1887.

RALPH EMERSON LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born December 25, 1889.

CARRIE BELLE LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born January 9, 1892.

WILLIAM WILLARD LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born November 22, 1893.

NELLIE ALMA LOWER, of William P. and Mary A. (Martin) Lower, born December 9, 1899.

FOURTH GENERATION.

HARRY STEELE LOWER, of Jesse W. and Salina W. (McC Campbell) Lower, born August 15, 1857; married Mary Owens. Their address is Hagerman, Idaho.

MARTHA LIZZIE LOWER, of Jesse W. and Salina W. (McC Campbell) Lower, born August 5, 1860; married Franklin R. Wilson December 29, 1880. They live at Dorena, Lane County, Ore. To them were born seven children, as follows:

FIFTH GENERATION.

R. D. EARL WILSON, of Franklin R. and Martha L. (Lower) Wilson, born November 25, 1881; married Eva Page January 8, 1906, who died September 20, 1908; married again to Lillian E. Greene May 14, 1911. Present address, Dorena, Lane County, Ore.

SADA AUGUSTA WILSON, of Franklin R. and Martha L. (Lower) Wilson, born July 31, 1884; married David C. Smith December 18, 1904. They have two children, Vira Smith, born March 10, 1906, and Rea Smith, born October 12, 1907. Their address is Kingston, Idaho.

WYATT LANA WILSON, of Franklin R. and Martha L. (Lower) Wilson, born June 4, 1887; married John H. Skeels March 18, 1906. They have one child, Henry Franklin Skeels, born September 10, 1907. Address, Morgan Hill, Cal.

ETHEL MAMIE WILSON, of Franklin R. and Martha L. (Lower) Wilson, born April 24, 1889; married Clarence Kirk March 29, 1908. They have two chil-

dren: William Franklin Kirk, born September 16, 1909, and Rea Vetta Kirk, born November 11, 1916. Address, Cottage Grove, Ore.

LEO FRANKLIN WILSON, of Franklin R. and Martha L. (Lower) Wilson, born January 23, 1891.

NAOMA LIZZIE WILSON, of Franklin R. and Martha L. (Lower) Wilson, born January 6, 1897.

ROBERTA MAY WILSON, of Franklin R. and Martha L. (Lower) Wilson, born February 16, 1903.

FOURTH GENERATION.

JESSE McCAMPBELL LOWER, of Jesse W. and Salina W. (McCormick) Lower, born September 17, 1865. His address is Eureka, Cal.

THIRD GENERATION.

LEAH M. LOWER, of Henry and Hannah Lower, born October 8, 1833; married William Browning in September, 1854. The author has been unable to secure their family records, so can give no information concerning them.

HANNAH MARY LOWER, of Henry and Hannah Lower, born February 1, 1836; married James M. Steele November 11, 1858. They live in Los Angeles, Cal. (1912), but having failed to secure their family records, can give no further information concerning them.

SECOND GENERATION.

DANIEL LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, married Eliza Bartow at Williamsburg, Pa. We can not give the dates of their births or marriage. Daniel Lower died January 10, 1844, and Eliza Lower, his

wife, died September 22, 1844. They are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Williamsburg, Pa. Daniel was a shoemaker by trade and lived on a small farm a half mile south of Williamsburg, Pa. He had an excellent orchard of apples and peaches. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church and a most earnest Christian. He died of enlargement of the liver. His wife was a consumptive, and several of the children inherited that disease and died young. Their children were: Harrison, Mary Elizabeth, Daniel Washington, David, Caroline, Isabella, Zachius, Isaiah Peebles, Sarah, and Henry Gibson.

THIRD GENERATION.

HARRISON LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower. Of this child we have no record of birth or death, except that he died in infancy.

MARY ELIZABETH LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, died October 25, 1845, at the age of nineteen years.

DANIEL WASHINGTON LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, died May 30, 1845, at the age of twenty-one years. He was a wagon maker by trade and was running a shop of his own, when he died of consumption. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

CAROLINE LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, also died of consumption in early womanhood. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

DAVID LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, died September 15, 1834, aged thirteen years.

ISABELLA LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, died May 3, 1835, aged six months.

ZACHIUS LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, born at Williamsburg, Pa., in September, 1835; married Harriet Mattern. She was born January 4, 1840, and now lives at Tyrone, Pa. Zachius Lower died June 16, 1906. He was a carpenter by trade. To them were born ten children, as follows: Mary, John E., Sara, William Wray, Edward Mattern, Warren Wilson, Frank, Emma, Elsie, and Maude Fannie.

FOURTH GENERATION.

MARY LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born November 26, 1859; married R. H. Stewart September 23, 1885. To them was born one child, Mary Lower Stewart, born June 9, 1893, and died in infancy. They live in Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa.

JOHN E. LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born October 19, 1861; married Addie Mingle in December, 1891. They live in Tyrone, Pa.

SARA LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born April 1, 1863; married a man named Rider, and died August 3, 1898.

WILLIAM WRAY LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born June 20, 1865; married Ella Mingle April 17, 1889. They live at Tyrone, Pa. Their children are: Edna Ruth, born May 28, 1890, and Paul William, born November 6, 1892.

EDWARD MATTERN LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born July 17, 1867; married Emma

Gensimore May 10, 1887. Present address, Park Avenue, Tyrone, Pa. Their children are:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Alma Lower, born November 28, 1888; married Mr. Dewey February 14, 1911.

Nora Regina Lower, born November 1, 1890.

Robert Piper Lower, born July 15, 1900.

Letitia Conrad Lower, born July 15, 1900.

Ralph Gordon Lower, born February 2, 1903; died April 10, 1905.

Jesse Gearld Lower, born July 27, 1905; died November 30, 1907.

Gearld Edward Lower, born April 16, 1908; died April 11, 1909.

FOURTH GENERATION.

WARREN WILSON LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born November 24, 1871; married Ella (name omitted) March 2, 1893. They live at Roanoke, Va., Lock-box 113. Their children are as follows: Irad Lower, born November 28, 1894, and Maude Lower, born December 9, 1896.

FRANK LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born February 2, 1875; died February 19, 1878.

EMMA LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born September 17, 1878; married C. C. Rothrock December 30, 1903. They live at 1228 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pa. They have one child, Gilmore Rothrock, born April 1, 1905.

ELSIE LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern)

Lower, born July 15, 1880; married J. S. Swayne June 14, 1906. They live at East Tenth Street, Tyrone, Pa. Their children are: Norman Swayne, born November 24, 1907, and Paul Stewart Swayne, born December 7, 1911.

MAUDE FANNIE LOWER, of Zachius and Harriet (Mattern) Lower, born May 17, 1882.

THIRD GENERATION.

ISAIAH LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, born June 27, 1840, and was killed July 3, 1861. He was a Union soldier, having enlisted with the three-months men. Just at the close of the three months he was shot by one of his own regiment, when he was coming in from the outer picket line. The man said he thought he was a rebel coming close to our line. His loss was keenly felt by his comrades, as he was a favorite in his company, a brave soldier and a Christian man.

SARAH LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, married Isaac Brenneman in Williamsburg, Pa., where they lived for some years, when they moved to Huntingdon, Pa., where she still lives. Her husband died many years ago. They had three children, namely, Orlo, Clyde and Maude. One of the sons lives at Huntingdon, Pa., and has a family. We have no further record.

HENRY GIBSON LOWER, of Daniel and Eliza (Bartow) Lower, born at Williamsburg, Pa., March 21, 1842. He married Susan Slonaker, at Williamsburg, Pa., January 28, 1865. She was born at Williamsburg.

Pa., in 1845, and died in Salina, Kan., February 11, 1906, at the age of sixty-one years. To them were born three children, as follows: Carrie R., Vancie R., and Harry C. Henry Gibson enlisted in the 125th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry August 10, 1862, and served his country until May, 1863, during which time he took part in the following engagements: Malvern Hill, Va., Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Va., Chancellorsville, and many lively skirmishes, he being in the Army of the Potomac. In May, 1863, his time of enlistment having expired, he was mustered out. He then applied for reënlistment, but was rejected by the examining physician. In 1868 he moved from Williamsburg to Altoona, Pa., where he worked at his trade, which was carpentering, until 1877, when he, with his family, moved to Salina, Kan., where he is living at this time (1912), leading a retired life, after a long and active career. He always has taken an active part in local politics and has been a lifelong Republican.

FOURTH GENERATION.

CARRIE R. LOWER, of Henry Gibson and Susan (Slonaker) Lower, born at Williamsburg, Pa., November 19, 1866. She was educated in the Salina (Kan.) schools, learned the dressmaking trade, and is at this time (1912) living in Salina, Kan., with her father and brother Harry. She never married.

VANCIE R. LOWER, of Henry Gibson and Susan (Slonaker) Lower, born at Altoona, Pa., in 1872; died at Salina, Kan., January 28, 1878.

HARRY C. LOWER, of Henry and Susan (Slonaker) Lower, born at Altoona, Pa., January 20, 1875. He lives at Salina, Kan. He is a painter and decorator. He has musical talent and has for many years been a member of the Salina band. He has never married.

SECOND GENERATION.

JOHN LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, was born February 18, 1793; died December 9, 1858, aged sixty-five years. Isabella Leaney, of James Leaney, was born December 13, 1792; died in March, 1856. John Lower and Isabella Leaney were married July 28, 1814. John Lower was a shoemekar by trade, and lived all his life in Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa. He and his family were Presbyterians. Mrs. Lower was of Scotch-Irish descent. She was about eight years old when her parents came over from Ireland. She had two brothers, John and Joseph, and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Rager, and Mrs. Sarah Martin. After the death of her parents she went to live with an uncle in Huntingdon, who kept a hotel. There she learned to be an excellent cook. She was afflicted for two years with paralysis in the right side and lost the use of her right arm, but could walk. She lost her singing voice and could not sing. She had a beautiful voice before being paralyzed. She often said: "I can not sing now, but I will when I get to heaven." She has been in the heavenly choir for all these years. She died of paralysis. The commendation of my father when he died was this: "An honest man has gone." He died of no particular disease but loneliness.

Following is a copy of the "Release of John Lower" to his brother, David, who was administrator of the estate of their father, Adam Lower:

*Know all men by these presents, that I, John Lower, son and legatee of Adam Lower, deceased, having had and received from David Lower, executor *de bonis non* of the last will and testament of Adam Lower, late of the Borough of Williamsburg, deceased, twenty-five dollars lawful money of Pennsylvania, it being in full of my share of said estate, having remised, and released, and forever quitclaimed to David Lower, of Woodbury Township, County of Huntingdon, and State of Pennsylvania, executor of the last will and testament of Adam Lower, deceased, all, and all manner of claims, actions, suits and causes of actions, suits recoverings and demand, whatsoever for or concerning any lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any other estate of the said Adam Lower, deceased, either real or personal, or for any other goods, sums of money whatever, or any other thing or things to me bequeathed in or by the said Adam Lower. And I do further also hereby remise, release and quitclaim unto the said David Lower all, and all manner of actions, and suits, and causes of actions, and suits, debts, duties and demands whatsoever, from the beginning of the world unto the day of the date hereof. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of April, A. D. 1836.*

JOHN LOWER [SEAL].

Signed in the presence of
DAVID AKE.

Huntingdon County, ss.

Personally appeared before me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said county, John Lower, and acknowledged the above instrument of writing to be his act and deed, to the end that the same might be recorded as such. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of April, 1836. DAVID AKE [SEAL].

THIRD GENERATION.

Children of John and Isabella Lower.

ELIZABETH LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower, was born June 2, 1815; died July 30, 1832.

HENRY RUSSEL LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower, was born in Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa., March 1, 1817; married Susan Swoop, of Huntingdon, Pa., December 29, 1846. He was a bricklayer by trade, but had learned shoemaking with his father. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he joined when a young man, but his wife was a member of the German Reform Church. The children adhered to the church of their father. They lived in Williamsburg for a few years, then moved to Huntingdon, where they resided until his death, March 20, 1875. Henry R. was six feet, one inch and a half in height, and well proportioned. Their children are: Elizabeth Lower, John Lower, William Lower, Harry Lower, and Annie Lower. They all married but William. Some time after the death of the husband, the mother and part of the children moved to a farm with William, near Petersburg, Huntingdon County, Pa., where they lived till the mother's death.

MARY JANE LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower, was born January 23, 1819; died in 1896. She married Alexander Armitage, of Huntingdon, Pa., November 7, 1850. He was a carpenter by trade, and for many years worked with his brother-in-law, Samuel Hemphill, in Huntingdon, Pa., where he died a number of years ago. They had one child, Jennie Armi-



JAMES LOWER, 1821-1908.

tage, who died in youth. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and lived in their own home, which they willed to his nephew, Charles Armitage, who occupies it at present (1912).

JAMES LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower, was born in Williamsburg, Pa., December 25, 1821, and died in LaPorte, Ind., December 9, 1908. He married Ann McDonald, of Cleveland, O., January 2, 1852. She was born May 10, 1828, and died May 11, 1893. James Lower was a tinner by trade, and learned his trade with Philip Reese, in Williamsburg, Pa. He went to California in 1849 and dug his gold near Sacramento. With this he started in the hardware business in Sturgis, Mich. Later he moved to LaPorte, Ind., and started business in the Teagarden block, where he continued all his life. He was very fond of horses and raised some very fast ones. A little black mare, Dot L, was his favorite. She won him many prizes.

FOURTH GENERATION.

MARY KATE LOWER, of James and Ann Lower, was born November 3, 1853; married George Frederick Swan April 3, 1876. He was born September 26, 1848. Mrs. Swan is dead, but we do not know the date of her death. Their children were as follows:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Charles Amis Swan was born June 29, 1877; married, December 25, 1897, to Ollie Melvin Woolworth, who was born November 29, 1880. Their child, Judetta

Edna Swan, was born January 5, 1889; died March 31, 1899.

Mary Edna Swan was born March 5, 1879.

Anna Kate Swan was born July 28, 1882.

Frederick Lower Swan was born September 4, 1884.

Laura Kate Swan was born July 15, 1888.

FOURTH GENERATION.

JAMES HENRY LOWER, of James and Ann Lower, was born April 27, 1855; married, October 18, 1882, Louisa Virginia Quinn, who was born June 22, 1855. They have one child, Claire Virginia Lower, born March 11, 1885; married Linder E. Punsky August 31, 1910. To them was born a son, Robert Lower Punsky, December 10, 1911. James Henry Lower is a partner with his two brothers, Stephen W. and William J., and successors of their father, in the same business in the Teagarden block in LaPorte, Ind., under the company name of James Lower's Sons.

STEPHEN WHITAKER LOWER, of James and Ann Lower, was born March 10, 1857; married, September 29, 1881, Ida Belle Oliver, who was born in Michigan City, LaPorte County, Ind., July 1, 1862. Stephen W. is a partner with his two brothers, succeeding their father. Mrs. Ida B. Lower is a member of the Episcopal Church. Their children are as follows:

Leslie Oliver Lower, born February 23, 1885; married, September 2, 1911, Claire B. Steele.

Lottie May Lower, born January 30, 1887.

WILLIAM JOSEPH LOWER, of James and Ann Lower, was born February 24, 1864; married, May 30, 1888,



BENJAMIN LOWER, 1824-1910.
ANNA MARY (MILLIKEN) LOWER, 1822-1910.

Minnie Burton, who was born in Michigan October 20, 1865. William J. is a partner with his two brothers, as successors to their father, under the company name of James Lower's Sons. Their children are:

Myrtle Martha Lower, born February 16, 1890.

Lecta Purcell Lower was born January 29, 1892.

All of the above families, descendants of James and Ann Lower, are members of the Presbyterian Church, except Stephen Whitaker.

THIRD GENERATION.

BENJAMIN LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower, was born in Williamsburg, Pa., March 2, 1824, and died March 8, 1910. He married Anna Mary Milliken January 14, 1851; she was born March 25, 1822, and died February 22, 1910. They lived some years in Williamsburg, Pa., then moved to Altoona, Pa. They built their own house. He was a plasterer by trade, but had learned the shoemaking trade with his father. After some years they moved to Iroquois County, Ill., on the Iroquois River, six miles from Ashkum. The farm belonged to his brother, James Lower, of LaPorte, Ind. He bought land adjoining for himself. After some years he sold out and bought a farm about a mile from Ashkum, which he afterward sold and bought a half block in Ashkum and built a home, where he lived the remainder of his life. They were members of the Congregational Church, as there was no Presbyterian Church in the town.

FOURTH GENERATION.

JAMES MAXWELL LOWER, of Benjamin and Ann

Lower, born November 5, 1851; died February 16, 1864.

ADDA CATHERINE LOWER, of Benjamin and Ann Lower, born October 4, 1853; married William D. Bridge January 21, 1880. They had no children. He was a farmer, and lived on a farm near Ashkum when he died. After his death his wife went to live with her parents in Ashkum, and lived with them until they died. Then she rented the property and went to live with her sister, Malinda, at Granger, Wash., where she makes her home (1911).

ADORA BELL LOWER, of Benjamin and Ann Lower, born September 19, 1855; died May 9, 1894.

JOHN LEANEY LOWER, of Benjamin and Ann Lower, born October 19, 1857; married Kate E. Curtz October 1, 1890. She died, leaving two children, Angus Sylvester Lower, born September 15, 1891, and Ray Irvin Lower, born November 20, 1893. He married Stella M. Little (maiden name Gilpin) September 3, 1907. She was born September 23, 1866. He is engaged in the mercantile business in Emington, Ill.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN LOWER, of Benjamin and Ann Lower, born November 3, 1862; died March 25, 1864.

MARY MALINDA LOWER, of Benjamin and Ann Lower, born March 10, 1865; married Ed. L. Duckham March 23, 1887. He was born March 5, 1865. He is a farmer. They lived in their own home in Ashkum, near her parents. A few years ago they moved to Granger, Wash., and took a homestead, where they still live (1912). Their children are:

Roy Raymond Duckham, born June 4, 1888.

Lona Geneva Duckham, born January 12, 1890.
Earnest William Duckham, born October 10, 1893.
Laura Ann Duckham, born August 8, 1895.
Infant daughter, born and died April 11, 1901.
Rolland Everet Duckham, born November 11, 1910.

THIRD GENERATION.

ISABELLA LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower, born February 1, 1827; married John O. Shelp March 18, 1868. He was born of Scotch-Irish parents in Montgomery County, N. Y., May 21, 1827, and died at Geneva, Neb., in February, 1904. Isabella died at Harvard, Neb., June 20, 1902. They are both buried in the Harvard (Neb.) Cemetery. John O. Shelp enlisted in the Union army in August, 1861, and served during the rebellion. He was nineteen months in prison — six months in Libby and thirteen months in Andersonville. This was detrimental to his health and he was almost a nervous wreck. He clerked a few years in the hardware store of James Lower, in LaPorte, Ind.; later he moved to Harvard, Neb., where he remained until his wife's death, when he went to live with a niece, Mrs. Lincoln, at Geneva, Neb. He was a member of the Christian Church, which church his wife united with, although she was raised a Presbyterian. He was buried by the G. A. R. Post, as he had requested. They had one son, James Lower, born February 5, 1871. He married at Gladstone, N. D., and is at present (1912) station agent at Forsythe, Minnesota.

JOSEPH LEANEY LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower,



SUSAN T. (CHASE) LOWER, 1830-1912.

was born in Williamsburg, Pa., July 14, 1829; married Susan Thurlow Chase, of West Newbury, Mass., August 29, 1861. She was born March 17, 1830; died February 8, 1912, at their prairie home in Lincoln County, Col., and buried at Harvard, Neb.

In 1829 the town of Williamsburg was in Huntingdon County, before Blair County was formed. Hollidaysburg was made the county seat. At that time Williamsburg was a small town on the Juniata River and the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal, which later was sold to the railroad company, and now they have a railroad.

Joseph Leaney Lower, the author of this history, bears the titles of Rev. Joseph Leaney Lower, A.M., D.D. So far as is known, he seems to be the only minister of the gospel in the whole Lower connection. He was converted in early life, August 26, 1847, while sorely afflicted with dyspepsia, which troubled him many years, and was cured when about forty-five years of age. He united with the Presbyterian Church in October, 1847. His health improved, and he was received as a candidate for the ministry in the Presbytery of Huntingdon. He studied at home for about two years, and about two years under Rev. James Y. McGinnes, at Milnwood Academy, at Shade Gap, Pa. He entered the sophomore class at Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pa., in September, 1852, and graduated in April, 1856, with the degree of A.B. In March, 1856, his mother died. He lost the junior year with typhoid fever. He taught vocal music part of that year at Huntingdon, Altoona and Hollidaysburg, Pa.

He entered Princeton Theological Seminary in September, 1856, and graduated in April, 1859; was licensed by Huntingdon Presbytery, at Huntingdon, Pa., in April, 1859, and received a call to the Presbyterian churches of Crown Point and Salem, Ind., in the Presbytery of Lake, now Logansport. He was ordained, and installed pastor over those churches December 22, 1859. His two sisters, Isabella and Margaretta Lower, kept house for him. There he became acquainted with Miss Susan T. Chase, who was teaching the academy of that place.

In 1865 he was called to the Presbyterian Church of Upper Sandusky, O., in the Presbytery of Bellefontaine. While there a brick church was built, at a cost of \$12,000.

In 1867 he was called to the Wooster University as its financial agent, and work for an endowment in the Presbytery of Marion, with headquarters at Delaware, O. On account of the debt on the defunct Delaware Female College, he found subscriptions for Wooster University were hard to obtain. Owing largely to this obstacle, he was willing to accept the call to the First Presbyterian Church of Delaware, O., in 1867, which church he supplied until April, 1868, when he accepted a call to the churches of Kingston and Brown, and was installed as pastor. In Delaware his four-year-old son, Wallace Chase, died.

Dr. Lower was called in 1872 to the Presbyterian Church of Union City, Ind., and was installed. In 1874 he was called to DeGraff, O., in the Bellefontaine Presbytery, and was pastor-elect until 1876, when he

received a call to Turtle Creek Church, in the Lima Presbytery.

In 1877 he took charge of Thornton and Verona churches, in the Presbytery of Hastings, Neb. During the time he ministered to those churches he lived in Harvard, Neb., where he organized a church and built a chapel. In 1883 he became financial secretary of Hastings College. Relinquishing that, he took charge of the churches of Kenesaw and Hartwell. He again took charge of the churches of Thornton and Verona in 1886. He was called to Akron, Col., Presbytery of Denver, in 1887, at which place a frame church was built, at a cost of \$1,800.

In 1891 he was called to Valverde, a suburb of Denver, and organized a church, and from there he was called in 1894 to Delta, Col., Presbytery of Gunnison, where was built a manse worth \$1,800. From there, in 1897, he went to Ridgeway, Col., and organized a church. He broke down with nervous debility in 1901 on account of the altitude, seven thousand feet, and did not preach regularly for six years. He was honorably retired by the Presbytery of Gunnison in 1902.

Upon regaining his health, he was called, in 1907, to Arvada Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Denver, where his work, with the help of his wife, was very successful.

Dr. Lower received the degree of A.M. from Jefferson College in 1866, and of D.D. from Richmond College in 1897.

Dr. Lower was Commissioner to the General Assem-

bly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., four times: at Peoria, Ill., in 1863; at Springfield, Ill., in 1882; at Winona, Ind., in 1897, and at Springfield, Mo., in 1900.

He was Moderator of the Synod of Colorado in October, 1899; Stated Clerk of Gunnison Presbytery for two years, 1900 and 1901. He was many times Moderator of different presbyteries.

His most extensive revivals of religion were at Crown Point and Salem, Ind., and at Kingston and Upper Sandusky, O.

Dr. Lower began teaching vocal music when a boy at home, first with a class of fourteen little girls from eight to fourteen years of age. This was to test his ability to teach music. He was very successful in this, and thereby received his complimentary reputation as a teacher. Then he taught vocal music for two years at the Milnwood Academy; then for three years at Jefferson College, besides teaching a vocal class in Olome Female Seminary, in the same place. He organized a choir in the First Presbyterian Church in Princeton, N. J., and taught a class in the theological seminary. After settling as a pastor at Crown Point, Ind., he taught classes of vocal music in his congregation. He gave much time and attention to drilling Sabbath schools and choirs.

SUSAN T. LOWER's parents were William Chase, born in West Newbury, Mass., August 1, 1805; married, about 1826, Sarah Colcord Wadleigh, born June 10, 1806, in West Newbury, Mass. She died in November, 1862, and he died in July, 1888, both in Haver-

hill, Mass. They had eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Some died young and others lived to a good age; two sons and two daughters are still living (1911); three live in Haverhill, Mass. Susan T. is one and the eldest. She graduated at the Female Seminary in Gorham, Me., and taught school many years.

Following is an account of the golden wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Leaney Lower, taken from the *Herald and Presbyter* of September 13, 1911:

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Leaney Lower, D.D., celebrated their golden wedding, at their prairie home at Kutch, Colorado, on August 29, 1911. A reception was held in the afternoon, attended by many of the friends and neighbors. Very delightful religious exercises were conducted. Refreshments were served, and hearty congratulations were tendered the venerable couple by all who were present, with their best and heartiest wishes.

Dr. Lower was eighty-two years of age July 14, 1911, and Mrs. Lower was eighty-one March 17, 1911.

Their children are as follows:

FOURTH GENERATION.

MARGARET AUSTRIA LOWER, of Joseph L. and Susan T. Lower, born in Crown Point, Lake County, Ind., May 25, 1862; died in Harvard, Clay County, Neb., November 10, 1881. She united with the Presbyterian Church at about the age of eighteen.

WALLACE CHASE LOWER, of Joseph L. and Susan T. Lower, born in Crown Point, Ind., February 24, 1864; died in Delaware, O., February 20, 1868.

RALPH LEANNEY LOWER, of Joseph L. and Susan T.

Lower, born in Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte County, O., July 5, 1866; united with the Presbyterian Church at Hastings, Neb., while at college. He married Nellie Mable Hunter, of Denver, Col., April 12, 1892; she was born in Chicago, Ill., September 7, 1873. They were members of the South Broadway Presbyterian Church. Ralph L. Lower is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Her father's name is Ed. Hunter, who had two children by his first wife, George and Nellie, and one by his second wife, Caddie, who is married. Her mother is dead. George Hunter married and had two children, a son and daughter. Ralph L. Lower is a carpenter by trade. They lived in Denver, Delta and Ridgeway, Col., and are now (1911) living in Los Angeles, Cal. They are a musical family, and a great help to the church music. The girls, although young, have distinguished themselves in music. Their children are:

FIFTH GENERATION.

ALBERT HUNTER LOWER, of Ralph and Nellie M. Lower, born in Denver, Col., October 18, 1893.

ELIZABETH SAWYER LOWER, of Ralph L. and Nellie M. Lower, born in Delta, Delta County, Col., May 27, 1898.

MARGARET CHASE LOWER, of Ralph L. and Nellie M. Lower, born in Denver, Col., June 4, 1903.

FOURTH GENERATION.

ALBERT PORTER LOWER, of Joseph L. and Susan T. Lower, born in Kingston Township, Delaware County, O., May 14, 1868; married Susan Adell Hooper in

February, 1893; she was born in February, 1875. They live on a homestead in Phelps County, Neb., ten miles northwest of Oxford. They are members of the M. E. Church in that neighborhood. Albert is a steward in the Methodist Church (the Frank Nailor Memorial). They raise fine horses and some very fast goers.

Susie's father died, and her mother married Mr. Miller. Susie has two full brothers and one half brother. Albert P. and Susie A. had many children, who died in infancy, and but one living, Harlan Joseph, who was born on the homestead in Nebraska August 3, 1895. They lived four years in Colorado, at Delta and Ridgeway. They were on a farm fifteen miles from Delta; then he teamed. At Ridgeway he did carpentering on the railroad with his brother, Ralph.

WILLIAM HARLAN LOWER, of Joseph L. and Susan T. Lower, born at Old Eden, Delaware County O., February 15, 1871; married Laura Ruth Garrison, of Denver, Col., December 28, 1898; she was born in Paterson, N. J., April 3, 1875. They are Presbyterians. William H. is superintendent of the Pleasant Valley Sunday school of the Denver colony. She was formerly a member of the Baptist Church in Denver. William H. learned the grocery business with Mr. Welch in Denver, and for a while had a grocery of his own in Denver. They lived a while in Ridgeway, Col., where he owned a grocery business, and sold it to J. L. Criswell, then clerked for him. Next he moved to a preëmption claim near Delta, Col.; from there to Denver, and worked for the Campbell & Sell Bakery. In May, 1910, they moved to a homestead of

three hundred and twenty acres in Horse Creek Valley, Lincoln County, Col., where they now reside (1912). Their children are as follows: Frank Garrison Lower, born January 4, 1902, and Ruth VanWinkle Lower, born December 24, 1904.

THIRD GENERATION.

REBECCA LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower, born in Williamsburg, Pa., January 14, 1832; died in 1834.

MARGARETTA SPENCER LOWER, of John and Isabella Lower, born in Williamsburg, Pa., April 18, 1836; died in Crown Point, Ind., September 26, 1861. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a beautiful singer.

SECOND GENERATION.

CATHERINE LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, born in Williamsburg, Pa., about 1795; do not know the date of her death. She married Daniel Clapper; they lived near Hollidaysburg, Pa. They had sons and daughters; one was Henry Clapper, and a daughter who married Mr. Low. We have no family record.

ELIZABETH LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, born about 1797; married a Mr. Wildroud. They had one son whom we know; his name was Abram, and he once visited our family in Williamsburg, Pa. We have no record, but know they lived in Sandyville, Stark County, or Canal Dover, about 1840.

SARAH LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, born, about 1796, in Williamsburg, Pa. She married Henry Yarger. They lived in Huntingdon, Pa., and moved

to Sandyville, Stark County, O., about 1816. They had seven children.

THIRD GENERATION.

SAMUEL YARGER, of Henry and Sarah Yarger, born about 1813; married Adaline Weaver, of Western New York State. He was a carpenter by trade, lived many years a widower, and died at about the age of sixty; he was buried at Ligonier, Noble County, Ind. We have no record of his wife's death.

PAUL YARGER, of Henry and Sarah Yarger, born about 1814; married Ann Carns. They had two sons and five daughters.

ADAM YARGER, of Henry and Sarah Yarger, born November 11, 1816, near Sandyville, Stark County, O.; married Mary A. Revell, who was born August 25, 1823 (they were married April 1, 1841). They had eight children. They lived all their lives in Sandyville, Stark County, O. He died April 10, 1864, and was buried in Sandyville. His wife, Mary A., died at Canton, O., November 8, 1889; she was buried near Waynesburg, O. She was a member of the M. E. Church from girlhood.

ANDREW YARGER, of Henry and Sarah Yarger, born August 25, 1818; died March 2, 1855; married Eliza Hissem. They had six sons and one daughter.

JOHN YARGER, of Henry and Sarah Yarger, born December 29, 1821; died September 6, 1844. He never married.

ELIZA YARGER, of Henry and Sarah Yarger, born

December 2, 1820; died January 22, 1855. She never married.

MARY M. YARGER, of Henry and Sarah Yarger, born September 17, 1822; died March 13, 1855. She never married.

FOURTH GENERATION.

FRANKLIN R. YARGER, of Adam and Mary Yarger, born February 2, 1842; married Rebecca Reinhart May 25, 1865. They had three sons and two daughters. One son and daughter dead, two sons married, and one daughter at home. Franklin R. enlisted in the Union army.

FRANCIS MARION YARGER, of Adam and Mary Yarger, born in 1844, and died at sixteen days old.

MARY ELIZA YARGER, of Adam and Mary Yarger, born October 25, 1845; married Mr. Unstead in Canton, O., January 2, 1868. They had five children, three sons and two daughters. Two sons and one daughter are dead.

WINFIELD SCOTT YARGER, of Adam and Mary Yarger, born March 4, 1848; married Jennie Belton in September, 1869. They had one daughter. Winfield Scott was killed by a railroad accident, February 3, 1881, at Leetsville, Pa. He was buried at Alliance, O. The daughter lived with her mother in Cleveland, O.

OLIVER H. P. YARGER, of Adam and Mary Yarger, born June 8, 1852, at Bethlehem, O.; married Emina Baird. They had one son. They live at Canton, O.

IRENE YARGER, of Adam and Mary Yarger, born in Sandyville, O., February 25, 1853; married Mr. Capes

in December, 1889. They had one son and two daughters. They live in Canton, O.

JOHN YARGER, of Adam and Mary Yarger. We have not the date of his birth, but know that his twin brother died when very young, and John grew to manhood and married a Miss Winters. To them were born three sons and two daughters. They live in Waynesburg, O.

SECOND GENERATION.

MARY LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, born March 11, 1797, at Williamsburg, Pa.; died December 3, 1866, at Williamsburg, Pa.; she never married. She lived most of her life with her brother, David. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was buried in the Lutheran Graveyard in Williamsburg. She was often with her brothers, who lived in Williamsburg. She was a favorite in the family and loved by all the children. She was known as *Aunt Polly*.

DAVID LOWER, of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, born in Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa., May 1, 1801; died at Lanark, Ill., April 6, 1881; married Susan Rhodes March 12, 1829. She was born at Morrison Cove, Blair County, Pa., April 10, 1810; died at Lanark, Ill., December 23, 1898. Their early home was on Piney Creek, about three miles south of Williamsburg, Pa., land formerly owned by his father, Adam Lower, where they lived until 1861, and where all their children were born. He was the youngest child of Adam and Elizabeth Lower, and was administrator of the estate.

SUSAN (RHODES) LOWER, 1810-1898.



DAVID LOWER, 1801-1881.



David was a carpenter by trade, but farmed for many years in Pennsylvania and Illinois, and was a pilot on the Susquehanna and Juniata Rivers. It was on a piloting trip, when a young man, that he saw one of the first grain cradles, and which appealed to him so strongly that he purchased it, and carried it on his shoulder from Maryland across the mountains, a distance of one hundred and twenty miles. This was the first grain cradle in Blair County, Pa., and people came for many miles to see it. He was a very strong man physically, and became a skillful cradler of grain. He manufactured grain cradles himself, and had one for his own use which was six inches longer than the ordinary, in order to cut a wider swath.

In 1861 he, with his wife and four younger children, moved to Dwight, Livingston County, Ill., near which place he had purchased land some years previous, having taken the Illinois land at three dollars per acre in exchange for land near Williamsburg, Pa.

In October, 1863, they moved by wagon to their farm in Carroll County, Ill., about a half mile south of Lanark, where they converted the raw prairie into a home, and where they lived until 1870, when they moved into the town of Lanark, and occupied the brick house, which they had built, which still stands, and where they lived the remainder of their lives. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

Of Susan (Rhodes) Lower's family we give the following history: Her paternal grandfather was born in Germany, but date and place of birth are not known. When but twelve years of age he, with ten other mem-

bers of his family, left their native land and sailed for America. During the voyage, which lasted six months, an epidemic broke out on board ship, and of the eleven who left their native home for the new country, but one survived. Christopher, aged twelve, landed alone. In Philadelphia he was taken by a kind man and wife, who raised him as their own child. Although adopted, he retained his own name, and at the death of his foster parents he fell heir to their property, they being childless. He was married in Northumberland County, Pa., and was the father of ten children, one daughter and nine sons. He lived in the country and did team work, making trips to the city. On one of these trips he purchased a set of cups and saucers with handles, made of red pottery clay, which were the first to be brought to that part of the country, and caused much curiosity. About that time coffee began to be used, and when the minister, in those days known as a "circuit rider," was expected, the cups and saucers were loaned around the neighborhood in honor of the minister. At the time of his death, which occurred at an advanced age, he was living in Morrison Cove, Blair County, Pa. He was buried at Piney Creek, two miles from Springfield Furnace.

Her father, Samuel Rhodes, the seventh son of Christopher Rhodes, was born and raised in Northumberland County, Pa. At the age of twenty he was married to Catherine Reed, who also was born in the same county. Her age at marriage was fifteen years. They lived in Northumberland County until the birth of their second son, after which they moved to Mor-



EARLY HOME OF DAVID AND SUSAN (RHODES) LOWER,
On Piney Creek, south of Williamsburg, Pa., where all their children were born.

rison Cove, Blair County. Eighteen children blessed this union. Their names in rotation are as follows: Mary (Mrs. Downing), Susan (Mrs. Lower), Michael, Catherine (Mrs. Ichholts), Barbara (Mrs. Beal), Elizabeth (Mrs. Lydy), John, Margaret, Samuel, Sarah (Mrs. Hoover), Joseph, George, Jonathan, Rachel (Mrs. Hileman), Rebecca (Mrs. Randabaugh), infant not named, Leah (Mrs. Daniel Beal), and David.

Samuel Rhodes moved to Wayne County, O., in 1845, lived there one year, then moved to Richland County, where he lived until his death, the greater part of his later years being spent with his daughter, Mrs. Lydy. He died March 4, 1870, at the age of eighty-seven years, and is buried near Ankneytown, O.

Her mother, Catherine Reed Rhodes, died in her forty-third year at Springfield Furnace, on Piney Creek, and was buried at Williamsburg, in the German Reformed Cemetery.

David and Susan Lower had ten children born on the farm near Williamsburg, Pa., as follows (all baptized in the Lutheran Church at Williamsburg, Pa.): Levi, Elizabeth, Samuel, Abram, Martin Luther, Mary Catherine, Eli L., Rachel Rebecca, Anna Margaret, and Hannah Leah.

THIRD GENERATION.

LEVI LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, born April 16, 1830; married Mary Dougal November 13, 1854, at Rock Island, Ill. She was born at Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., July 12, 1833; died at Clifton, Kan., October 13, 1909. His early boyhood

was spent on his father's farm near Williamsburg, Pa., and among his many reminiscences of the old home is seeing his father cradle grain with a cradle which he carried on foot from Maryland across the mountains, a distance of one hundred and twenty miles, which was the first and only cradle in that locality; and of the neighbors coming for many miles to see it work, it being such an improvement over the reaper hook, or what is now known as the grass hook, which up to that time was the best known method of harvesting grain. He drove four- and six-horse teams over the pike road from Baltimore to Pittsburg, which was before any railroads were built that far west, and teams were the only method of transportation. Later in the forties the Canal and Portage Railroad was built across the mountains.

In 1848 he went to work in Williamsburg for James Smith in a blacksmith shop, which work he continued for eighteen months, when he went to Wooster, O., to work in a hame shop for Snipes & Mulholann. He then went to Davenport, Iowa, then to Port Byron, Ill., then to Mount Carroll, Lyons, Iowa, and Fulton, Ill. When the town of Clinton, Iowa, started, he went there, and worked with Piper & Dr. Jeffers at the carpentering trade for some time, when he returned to Port Byron, Ill., where he was married November 13, 1854. He built a house in the eastern part of Port Byron, where they lived till the winter of 1858, when they moved to a farm near Lanark, Carroll County, Ill., where they lived till September 7, 1861, when he enlisted to serve three years, or during the war, and

was mustered into the United States service at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., on the seventh day of September, 1861, as a private of Captain Lewis Heffelfinger's Company I, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Colonel E. N. Kirk commanding. This regiment was organized at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., September 7, 1861, under Colonel Kirk, who was its first Colonel, and moved, October 2d, to Lexington, Ky., thence to Louisville, Ky., and Camp Nevin, Ky., where it remained until February 14, 1862. It was assigned to Kirk's brigade of Rousseau's division, and marched to Bowling Green, Ky., thence to Savannah, Tenn. It participated in the battle of Shiloh, or Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., being in McCook's brigade of Buell's army, and lost fifteen killed and one hundred and twelve wounded. It then marched to Corinth, Miss., where it was engaged, thence moved to Alabama, and encamped more than a month at Battle Creek. It arrived at Louisville, Ky., September 27th; thence to Frankfort, October 1st; thence to Nashville, Tenn., remaining in camp near there until December 26, 1862. It was here assigned to the Second Brigade, Second Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, and took part in engagements at Triune and Murfreesboro, or Stone River, Tenn. It became a part of the Twentieth Corps, and on June 24th moved to Liberty Gap, where it defeated the enemy, and on August 16th moved to Bellefontaine, Ala., and detailed as provost guard until the 30th, then moved to Caperton's Ferry and left to guard the pontoon bridge. It took part in the battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 19th and 20th, and

arrived at Chattanooga November 15th, and on the next day engaged the retreating enemy near Graysville. It went on an expedition into East Tennessee as far as Loudon, where it was detailed to run a grist mill, grinding corn and wheat for the division, returning to Chattanooga December 19, 1863. December 22d it reënlisted as a veteran organization, and on January 8, 1864, started on a veteran furlough. It returned to Chattanooga March 7, 1864, and moved to join the Second Brigade in camp near Rossville, Ga., as a part of the Second Division, Fourteenth Army Corps. May 5th it started on the Atlanta campaign, and participated in the following engagements: Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Rome, Dallas, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Siege of Atlanta, and Jonesboro, Ga. It pursued Forrest to Florence, Ala., after which it rejoined Sherman's army, and participated in the March to the Sea and Campaign of the Carolinas, including engagements at Averasboro and Bentonville, N. C. After Johnson's surrender it marched to Washington, D. C., and participated in the Grand Review May 24, 1865. June 12th it moved to Louisville, Ky., remaining there until mustered out, July 12, 1865. He was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, and Orderly Sergeant of his company.

He was wounded at Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., by gunshot in the right thigh, causing a flesh wound. At the battle of Stone River, Tenn., he received four slight wounds, but did not go to the hospital. At Liberty Gap, Tenn., he was slightly wounded in the left hand, the ball shattering the gun stock in his hand.

In the same engagement he was slightly wounded in the left side of the face. He was also slightly wounded by gunshot in the left shoulder at Resaca, Ga. He was captured at Stone River, Tenn., but recaptured by the Fourth Michigan Cavalry December 31, 1862. He was again captured with a wagon train between Wilson Creek and LaVergne, Tenn., but escaped his captors. While foraging in Kentucky he was captured and sent back twelve miles by his captors, but escaped his guard in the night and rejoined his command. He bore a gallant part in all the engagements of his command down to and including Jonesboro, Ga., and rendered faithful and meritorious service to his country at all times. He received an *honorable discharge* at Atlanta, Ga., on the twelfth day of September, 1864, by reason of expiration of his term of service.

Upon his return home he again took up the carpentering trade at Port Byron, Ill., to which place his wife and three children removed during his term of enlistment. For some time he worked for Shepard & Devore in the boat yard at Port Byron, then went to Burlington, Iowa, and worked on a railroad bridge and hotel, then moved to Clinton, Iowa, and then to Alvira, where they lived till 1870, when they moved to Washington County, Kan., and took a homestead in Section 31, T. 3, R. 2, built a frame house 12 x 16, one story, in which the family of eight lived for three years, when an addition was built, 12 x 12, with an upstairs, and later two more rooms were added, and a good frame barn took the place of the sod one.

In 1885 they built a good frame house and other

good improvements on what was known as the "Pym farm," in Section 1, Brantford Township, and moved to that place the same year, where they lived till 1895, when they sold this farm to S. G. Cooley, and moved to Haddam, Kan., where he, with three of his sons, purchased the Citizens' State Bank, of which institution he has been President since that date. After living in Haddam two years, they moved to Concordia, where they lived for about five years, when they moved to Clifton, Kan., near where they owned several farms, and had many old-time homestead friends with whom to associate. Besides his interest in the Citizens' State Bank of Haddam, Kan., he has for many years been interested in various banking institutions with his sons, and is at present a director in their banks at Narka, Republic and Courtland, Kan. He has also held office as County Commissioner of Washington County, Kan., from 1886 to 1890, during which administration the present court house was built. He is a member of Sedgwick Post, No. 24, Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held office as Senior Vice-Commander one term. In politics he is a Republican.

MARY (DOUGAL) LOWER was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Boyd) Dougal, both natives of Pennsylvania. Her girlhood days were spent on the home farm near Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., until, when eighteen years of age, with her parents she removed to Rock Island County, Ill. Her father, Henry Dougal, was born January 6, 1790; died at Port Byron, Ill., January 24, 1859. Her mother, Eliz-



MARY (DOUGAL) LOWER, 1833-1909.

abeth (Boyd) Dougal, was born March 16, 1792; died at Port Byron, Ill., March 20, 1875.

Henry Dougal's parents were born in Scotland, and Elizabeth (Boyd) Dougal's parents were born in Ireland. On March 29, 1851, Henry Dougal, with his family, left their native home in Westmoreland County, Pa., to locate in Illinois. The trip was made by water, sailing down the Ohio River to Cairo, then up the Mississippi River, landing at Rock Island, Ill., April 22, 1851. Here they remained but a few days, when they moved by wagon to Port Byron, Ill., and in the spring of 1852 purchased a farm of eighty acres near there, on which they built a log house, and where the parents spent the remainder of their days. Their children were: Alexander, James, Henry, Robert, Margaret, Johannah, and Mary. Mrs. Lower was a Presbyterian.

Her father, Henry Dougal, was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. Her brother, Henry Dougal, was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in the 126th Illinois Volunteers, and died while in service. His remains rest at Paducah, Ky.

Following are the children of Levi and Mary (Dougal) Lower: David Elwood, James Blair, Henry Martin, Emma Clara, Frank Grant, William Sherman.

FOURTH GENERATION.

DAVID ELWOOD LOWER, of Levi and Mary Lower, born at Port Byron, Ill., November 3, 1857; married Emma J. Odell, of Waterville, Kan., February 18, 1884. She was born at Westchester, N. Y., February

18, 1866. She is a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Corney) Odell. At the time of her marriage she was teaching school in Washington County, which profession she followed for several years.

David Elwood came, with his parents, to Washington County, Kan., in 1870. Here he attended the common schools until, when a young man, he attended the Monroe Institute, in Atchison, Kan. He then taught school for many years. In 1879 he homesteaded a quarter section of land near his father's farm in Washington County, which he later sold, and in 1891 bought a quarter section of land near Day, Kan., in the same county, where they lived until 1895, when they sold their farm and moved to the Puget Sound country, in Washington, where they lived till 1899, during which time he taught school, and was Deputy Head Councilor of the Modern Woodmen of America, and was chosen as the State delegate by that order to the head camp, which was held at Kansas City, Mo., in 1899, he being the long-distance delegate, traveling over twenty-six hundred miles. They then returned to Blue Rapids, Kan., and he traveled, selling specialties until 1901, when he embarked in the banking business at Narka, Kan., as cashier of the State Bank of Narka, which position he held till 1909, when he purchased the business of the Narka Drug Company, which his son, Walter B., managed until the fall of 1911, when he traded the drug business for a tract of land near Edna, Tex., where they now reside. He is a Republican in politics and has held many public offices. Is a member of the A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F., and M. W. of A.

Their children are as follows: Raymond A., Wesley D., Walter B., and Alma Della.

FIFTH GENERATION.

RAYMOND ARTHUR LOWER, of David Elwood and Emma J. Lower, born at Strawberry, Kan., July 31, 1887. He lives at Narka, Kan., where he is cashier of the State Bank of Narka, successor to his father.

WESLEY DONALD LOWER, of David Elwood and Emma J. Lower, born at Strawberry, Kan., April 13, 1889; married, August 2, 1910, to Ruby Mildred McCall, of Munden, Kan.; she was born October 6, 1890. She is a daughter of Frank A. and Lois (Sprague) McCall. Their home is at Narka, Kan., where he is assistant cashier of the State Bank of Narka.

WALTER BENJAMIN LOWER, of David Elwood and Emma J. Lower, born at Day, Kan., September 26, 1892. He is a pharmacist and registered in twenty-two States.

ALMA DELLA LOWER, of David and Emma J. Lower, born at Day, Kan., October 1, 1895. She is at home at Edna, Tex.

FOURTH GENERATION.

JAMES BLAIR LOWER, of Levi and Mary Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., July 30, 1860; married Minnie Potter, of Palmer, Kan., May 30, 1888; she was born at Palmer, Kan., March 5, 1871. She is a daughter of Charles D. and Levina A. Potter.

James B. came to Kansas in 1870 with his parents, and was reared on the homestead farm, where he

attended the public school in winter and did farm work in summer, until when a young man he attended the Monroe Institute in Atchison, Kan., after which he taught school for several years. On July 30, 1881, he homesteaded a quarter section of land adjoining his father's farm. In 1886 he engaged in the banking business in Palmer, Kan., he and his father having purchased an interest in the Bank of Palmer, and James B. was elected its cashier, which position he held for twelve years, when they disposed of their interests and purchased the Citizens' State Bank of Haddam, Kan., of which he has been cashier up to this date (1912). He is a Republican in politics, and was elected to the State Senate from Washington County in 1904 and reelected in 1908. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and M. W. of A. Following are their children: Ora May, Edna Lavinia, and Ruth.

FIFTH GENERATION.

ORA MAY LOWER, of James Blair and Minnie P. Lower, born at Palmer, Kan., February 11, 1889; married Oliver Taylor Muth, of Haddam, Kan., December 20, 1908. He was born at Haddam, Kan., September 10, 1887. Ora May attended the College of the Sisters of Bethany at Topeka, Kan., and graduated in the class of 1907 with the highest honors. She is an Episcopalian. They have one child, Henry Lower Muth, born September 12, 1910. They reside at Haddam, Kan., where he is engaged in the lumber business.

EDNA LAVINIA LOWER, of James Blair and Minnie

P. Lower, born at Palmer, Kan., February 22, 1891. She has finished the common school, and is attending the College of the Sisters of Bethany at Topeka, Kan.

RUTH LOWER, of James Blair and Minnie P. Lower, born at Haddam, Kan., January 23, 1901.

FOURTH GENERATION.

HENRY MARTIN LOWER, of Levi and Mary Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., May 9, 1862; married Jessie M. Sparks, June 6, 1892, at Morrowville, Kan.; she was born near Knoxville, Iowa, December 27, 1875. Henry Martin came, with his parents, to Washington County, Kan., in 1870, and was reared on their homestead. He attended the public school in winter and helped on the farm in summer. When but a boy he took to travel, making several trips to Illinois with boy companions, and spent some years on the Western cattle ranges, driving horses on the trail from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Walla Walla, Wash. Later he returned to Washington County and farmed on an extensive scale. He homesteaded in Washington County, but did not make final proof, which entitled him to a second homestead entry, which he used in Kay County, Okla., at the opening for settlement of the Cherokee strip, in 1893. He, with his brother, William S., entered the race for homes at Hunnewell, Kan. Henry M., weighing at that time two hundred and thirty pounds, took an extra saddle horse, which, after riding about five miles, he unsaddled and tied to a weed, near which all farms seemed to have been taken. Upon his return the following day he found the horse had "held down the

farm," on which he made homestead entry, improved, and lived on till 1907, when he purchased a farm about two miles northeast of Wichita, Kan., where they have since lived. Following are their children:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Henry B. Lower, born at Morrowville, Kan., June 20, 1893.

Archie L. Lower, born at Hunnewell, Kan., October 22, 1895.

Clara M. Lower, born at Hunnewell, Kan., January 23, 1897; died at Hunnewell, Kan., October 26, 1899.

Zola P. Lower, born at Hunnewell, Kan., February 27, 1898.

Grace M. Lower, born at Hunnewell, Kan., July 3, 1900.

Theodore C. Lower, born at Hunnewell, Kan., August 20, 1904.

Virgil E. Lower, born at Hunnewell, Kan., June 6, 1906.

Ada L. Lower, born at Wichita, Kan., January 12, 1909.

Lois B. Lower, born at Wichita, Kan., January 2, 1911.

FOURTH GENERATION.

EMMA CLARA LOWER, of Levi and Mary (Dougal) Lower, born at Port Byron, Ill., October 20, 1866; married Carter Hart Foss, at Strawberry, Kan., March 3, 1891; he was born at Painesville, O., September 5, 1868. Emma C. came, with her parents, to Washington County, Kan., in 1870, and grew to womanhood

on the homestead. She attended the public school, and later the graded school at Washington and Clifton. After their marriage, in 1891, they located in Casselton, N. D., where Carter H. had a position with the Grovenor Lumber Company, where they lived about one year. In January, 1892, they returned to Kansas and purchased the general store at Day, where they also conducted the grain and creamery business, in addition to being postmaster and railroad agent. Later they purchased the seventy acres of land adjoining the station. Here they lived and conducted the entire business of the station for ten years, when they sold their entire interests and moved to an adjoining farm, which they farmed, in addition to their own land, until 1909, since which time they have lived at Clifton, Kan.

Carter H. is a machinist and is employed in construction work, principally in Colorado. His parents were Richard and Ella (Carter) Foss. His father, Richard Foss, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. They had two children, Carter H. and Harry C. Harry C. died at Casselton, N. D., in 1910. When Carter was small his parents removed to California, where they both died. After their death the boys were taken by their grandparents (Carters's) at Painesville, O., who raised and educated them. He is a member of the M. W. of A. and a Democrat in politics. Their children are:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Levi Richard Foss, born at Day, Kan., October 21, 1893.

Minnie Cliff Foss, born at Day, Kan., August 17, 1896.

FOURTH GENERATION.

FRANK GRANT LOWER, of Levi and Mary (Dougal) Lower, born at Alvira, Iowa, April 9, 1868; married Christina Ross February 13, 1901; she was born in Clay County, Kan., October 18, 1872. Her parents were Alexander and Margaret (Sutherland) Ross. She is a Presbyterian. Frank Grant came to Washington County, Kan., with his parents in 1870, and was reared on the homestead. He acquired a common-school education, and turned his attention to farming and stock raising, which he has followed with success. His name as given him was Frank "Ulysses," but it being hard for him to make the capital letter "U" when a boy, he decided to substitute "Grant" for Ulysses, which was in due recognition of the noted General, whom he admired. About 1897 they purchased a half section of land near Day, Kan., where they lived until 1908, during which time they had sold their land and purchased land in Tillman County, Okla. They then moved to Grandfield, Tillman County, Okla., where they now reside. They have no children. He is a member of the M. W. of A.

WILLIAM SHERMAN LOWER, of Levi and Mary (Dougal) Lower, born at Alvira, Iowa, May 9, 1870; married, July 19, 1891, Lillian M. Attebery, of Clifton, Kan. She was born at Clifton, Kan., November 17, 1871; died at Clay Center, Kan., May 27, 1897. Her parents were Thomas Attebery and Jennie (Cer-

tain) Attebery. Thomas Attebery was a soldier in the Civil War. To them was born a daughter, Oma Pearl Lower, at Palmer, Kan., November 16, 1894.

On February 27, 1900, he married Mary W. Johnson, of Courtland, Kan.; she was born at Courtland, Kan., December 23, 1873. She is a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Walsh) Johnson, of Courtland, Kan. She is a Roman Catholic. To them were born two children, as follows: Elizabeth Mary Lower, born at Courtland, Kan., January 10, 1901; died June 26, 1901. George Levi Lower, born at Burr, Otoe County, Neb., October 12, 1902.

William S. came, with his parents, to Washington County, Kan., in 1870, and was reared on the homestead. He attended the public school in winter and did farm work in summer till 1888, when he went to work in the Bank of Palmer with his brother, James B., which position he held for three years. In 1893 he, with his brother, Henry M., entered the "race" for homesteads in the Cherokee strip. He settled on a quarter section of land near where the town of Tonkawa now is, in Kay County, Okla., but a man named Peabody secured a prior filing, and was allowed to hold the land, which was then of but little value. A few months later he took a position in the Bank of Blackwell, which was the first banking institution in the town, and which position he resigned in a few months, and for the following six years was traveling most of the time over Kansas selling specialties. In 1899 he again engaged in the banking business, which he has since followed at Courtland, Kan., Burr, Neb.,



MARY ELIZABETH (DOWNS) LOWER, 1835-1898.

and Republic, Kan., where they now reside, and where they have land interests. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., M. W. of A., and R. N. of A.

THIRD GENERATION.

ELIZABETH LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, born August 25, 1831; died February 20, 1833.

SAMUEL LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, born May 12, 1833; died at Lanark, Ill., April 20, 1909; married Mary Elizabeth Downs, at Williamsburg, Pa., February 14, 1856. She was born in Mount Pleasant, Pa., September 8, 1835; died at Dwight, Ill., February 24, 1898. Samuel was a blacksmith by trade, and worked at his trade for many years in Pennsylvania. In 1864 he moved to a farm near Dwight, Livingston County, Ill., and for some years followed farming, but later moved into the town of Dwight and again engaged in the blacksmith trade, which he followed until a few years prior to his death, when he disposed of the business and engaged in the hotel business in Dwight, which they followed until the death of his wife, after which he disposed of the hotel business, and lived most of the time among his children. He was a mechanic of unusual ability, and had a kindly disposition, that enabled him to get the most out of life. They had ten children, seven of whom survive them, as follows:

FOURTH GENERATION.

SUSAN JENNETTE LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, born in Blair County, Pa., in November, 1856; died December 21, 1856.

EDWARD LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, born in Blair County, Pa.; died in Dwight, Ill., June 14, 1872.

WILLIAM SYLVESTER LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, born in Blair County, Pa., and removed, with his parents, to Dwight, Ill., in 1864, where he still resides. He never married.

LEAH JANE LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, born in Blair County, Pa.; married Samuel H. Boyer, at Dwight, Ill., January 30, 1884. He was born in Blair County, Pa., July 25, 1858, and moved, with his parents, to Livingston County, Ill., in 1867. He acquired his education in the schools of Dwight Township, where he lived with his parents on the farm until twenty-five years of age. Leah Jane moved, with her parents, from Williamsburg, Pa., to Dwight, Ill., in 1864, where she attended the Dwight schools, married, and became the proud mother of five boys, all of whom live to bless her. Of recent years Samuel H. has been engaged in the livery business in Dwight, Ill., where they still reside. In politics he is a Republican, and attends the M. E. Church. He is a member of Camp No. 270, S. of V., of which he has served as Captain, and of the I. O. O. F. of Dwight, and Court of Honor, No. 508. Their children are as follows:

FIFTH GENERATION.

HARVEY R. BOYER, of Samuel H. and Leah Jane (Lower) Boyer, born at Dwight, Ill., October 6, 1884; married Louise E. Leach, of Dwight, Ill., August 8, 1906. They reside at Dwight, Ill.

ELWOOD A. BOYER, of Samuel H. and Leah Jane (Lower) Boyer, born at Broughton, Ill., January 6, 1887. Now resides at Dwight, Ill.

CLARENCE E. BOYER, of Samuel H. and Leah Jane (Lower) Boyer, born at Dwight, Ill., January 29, 1892. Now resides at Dwight, Ill.

IRA L. BOYER, of Samuel H. and Leah Jane (Lower) Boyer, born at Dwight, Ill., April 27, 1894. Now resides at Dwight, Ill.

RALPH H. BOYER, of Samuel H. and Leah Jane (Lower) Boyer, born at Dwight, Ill., October 12, 1895. Now resides at Dwight, Ill.

FOURTH GENERATION.

DAVID COURTNEY LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, born at Dwight, Ill.; died at Dwight, Ill., May 29, 1866.

GEORGE HERBERT LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, was born at Dwight, Ill.; married Rose Miller, of Dwight, Ill., February 13, 1895; she was born at Tonica, Ill. George H. is a paper hanger and decorator, and lives in Chicago.

ANNA CECELIA LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, was born at Dwight, Ill.; married Blair Lee Gilbert, of Chicago, November 29, 1899. Blair Lee Gilbert was born in Horicon, Wis. His parents were Albert P. and Mary A. (Whaley) Gilbert.

Anna C. grew to womanhood on her parents' farm near Dwight, Ill., where she attended the district school and later the Dwight school. She learned the dress-making trade, which she followed for several years

at Dwight, and later in Chicago. Blair L. is an engraver, which trade he follows. Their home is at 11129 Crescent Avenue, Morgan Park, Ill.

MARY MINNIE LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, was born at Dwight, Ill.; married Charles L. Currier, Jr., of Chicago, at Dwight, Ill., August 12, 1896. He was a native of Freeport, Ill., and died at Berkeley, Cal., August 28, 1907. His parents were Charles L. and Carolyn (Page) Currier.

Married again to Dr. Franklin B. Clemmer, of Morgan Park, Ill., September 29, 1910. He is a native of Morristown, Pa., and his parents were William and Mary (Brunner) Clemmer, of Lanark, Ill. Minnie grew to womanhood on the farm and in Dwight, Ill., where she attended the common and graded schools, and later distinguished herself as a musician, for which she developed unusual talent. Dr. Clemmer is a dentist, and enjoys a lucrative practice in Morgan Park, Ill., where they now reside.

ORVILLE S. LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, was born at Dwight, Ill.; married Edith Allen, of Marion, Ind., at El Paso, Tex., July 2, 1909. Orville is engaged in railroading, and resides at El Paso, Tex.

CHARLES I. LOWER, of Samuel and Mary E. (Downs) Lower, was born at Dwight, Ill., and married Myra Segrist, of Wauseon, O., July 7, 1911.

THIRD GENERATION.

ABRAM LOWER, third son of David and Susan (Rhodes) Lower, was born near Williamsburg, Pa.,

October 10, 1835. At the early age of fifteen years he began working for his uncle, Samuel Rhodes, teaming over the mountains from Franklin Forge to Rebecca Furnace, a distance of twelve miles, hauling pig iron with a four-horse team, making one trip each day, at a salary of six dollars per month, except in winter he received fifty cents a day extra (a man's wages), instead of attending school. The next year he worked for the Springfield Iron Works, hauling charcoal and iron ore. After this he worked at home, mostly teaming, until he came West in 1858, coming to Savanna, Carroll County, Ill., making the trip via boat from Pittsburg, on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. While engaged in farming near Lanark, Carroll County, Ill., he met Catherine Miller, second daughter of George and Margaret (Davis) Miller, whom he married October 16, 1860, in Dixon, Ill. They left immediately for their new home in Livingston County, Ill., making the trip by wagon. At that time their farm of one hundred and sixty acres was all unbroken prairie, and was twelve miles from the nearest town, which was Dwight. Other towns have since grown up nearer to them. Improvements have been made on the farm, and at the present time all of this, together with another farm of eighty acres, is under a high state of cultivation.

CATHERINE (MILLER) LOWER, second daughter of George and Margaret (Davis) Miller, was born August 7, 1842, at Chambersburg, Blair County, Pa. At the age of twelve years she came with her parents to make their home at Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Ill.



CATHERINE (MILLER) LOWER, 1842-1903.

Her father came from Germany at the age of nineteen years, and her mother was of German descent and was born in Canada. She was married October 16, 1860, to Abram Lower. To this union were born twelve children, namely:

FOURTH GENERATION.

Margaret Emma Lower, born August 4, 1861.

Kenneth Lower, born September 13, 1863; died October 15, 1864.

Augusta Susan Lower, born March 5, 1865.

Albert Miller Lower, born June 16, 1867.

Leon Leroy Lower, born January 7, 1869.

Frank David Lower, born November 5, 1870.

Marietta Lower, born June 12, 1873.

Lillian Loretta Lower, born December 1, 1876.

Arthur Lower, born October 3, 1878; died March 24, 1880.

Leah Grace Lower, born August 12, 1880.

Gertrude Ada Lower, born April 23, 1882.

Mable Lower, born January 11, 1884; died January 22, 1886.

All the children were born on the farm near Campus, Livingston County, which had been the home of Abram and Catherine Lower until she passed away, September 27, 1903, and where he still resides.

MARGARET EMMA LOWER, eldest daughter of Abram and Catherine (Miller) Lower, was born August 4, 1861, near Campus, Ill. She was married September 17, 1878, to Walter W. Morrison. They lived near Kempton, Ill., until January, 1880, when they moved

to Jackson County, Mo. Here Walter was engaged in blacksmithing until the summer of 1890, when they moved to Omaha, Neb., at which time he was in the employ of the Burlington Railroad as inspector of freight cars. In the spring of 1896 they moved to their farm near Bartley, Red Willow County, Neb., where they now reside. During the years they lived in Omaha, Margaret was engaged in dressmaking, and from 1900 until 1906 was the manager of the McDowell Dressmaking School.

To this union were born five children:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Jennie Grace, born November 30, 1879; died December 10, 1879.

Clarence Abram, born March 15, 1881, in Jackson County, Mo.

Lillie Maud, born August 13, 1882, in Jackson County, Mo.

Ethel Golden, born October 26, 1892, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Clara Alice, born November 29, 1898, in Omaha, Nebraska.

CLARENCE ABRAM MORRISON, only son of Walter and Margaret (Lower) Morrison, was married to Dessie S. Karling, in Kansas City, March 25, 1903. At present Clarence is the assistant manager of the A. S. Cook Furniture Company in Kansas City, Mo., and resides at 2418 Myrtle Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. To this union were born three children, all in Kansas City: Alice, seven years; Bernice, five years, and Dorothy, three years.

LILLIE MAUD, second daughter of Walter and Margaret (Lower) Morrison, was married at Bartley, Neb., February 27, 1907, to Alva D. Barrows. They live on a farm near Bartley, Neb., while he is engaged in the sale of the W. G. Rawleigh medicines. They have two children, Olive, three years, and Walter, two years.

THEL GOLDEN is at present attending the State Normal School at Peru, Neb.

CLARA ALICE is at home, and a student of the eighth-grade grammar school.

FOURTH GENERATION.

AUGUSTA SUSAN LOWER, second daughter of Abram and Catherine (Miller) Lower, was born March 5, 1865, on a farm near Campus, Ill. She was married, January 25, 1887, to Percy Dunn Glover, son of Samuel and Martha Dunn Glover, who was born near Campus, Ill., which place was his home until 1885, when he moved to Custer County, Neb., where he is engaged in farming and stock raising on his ranch of eight hundred acres. Address, Comstock, Neb. To them were born sixteen children; the first twelve were born in a sod house. They are, namely:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Earl Glover, born May 19, 1888.

Fay Glover, born November 19, 1889.

Guy Glover, born March 1, 1891.

Ruth Glover, born May 12, 1892.

Loyd Glover, born December 28, 1893.

Glen Glover, born May 14, 1895.

Rex Glover, born October 16, 1896.

Infant daughter, born February 23, 1899; died September 20, 1899.

Frank Glover, born February 5, 1901.

Ray Glover, born March 18, 1902.

Seth Glover, born July 11, 1903.

Ted Glover, born December 6, 1904.

Max Glover, born December 29, 1905.

Grace Glover, born February 23, 1907.

Ralph Glover, born July 18, 1908.

Clyde Glover, born July 15, 1909.

They are all at home with their parents at the present time.

FOURTH GENERATION.

ALBERT MILLER LOWER was born June 16, 1867, in Broughton Township, Livingston County, Ill. He received his education in a district school in Broughton Township, and at the Dixon Business College, Dixon, Ill. He is a member of the Congregational Church and the A. F. and A. M. At present he is farming a farm near Dwight, Ill., which occupation he has followed all his life. On August 23, 1888, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Lorigan, who at that time resided in Campus, Ill.

MARY ELIZABETH (LORIGAN) LOWER was the eldest daughter of Christopher and Theresa (Philips) Lorigan, who were Irish and Scotch-English, respectively. There was one other daughter, Sarah Salisbury, who died in infancy. She (Mary Lorigan Lower) was born at Hilton Head, S. C., June 28, 1867. The greater part of her life before her marriage was spent

in Keokuk, Iowa, at which place she attended the public schools. She is a member of the Congregational Church. Albert and Mary (Lorigan) Lower have five children, namely:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Abram Sargent Lower, born June 4, 1889. He has received his education in a district school, at Illinois State Normal University, and Valparaiso Business College. At present he resides at home.

Salisbury Augusta Lower, born December 12, 1890. She has received her education in a district school, and at the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, Ill. At present she is teaching school near her home, and resides with her parents on a farm near Dwight.

Bernice Eleanor Lower, born November 15, 1892. She attended the district school, and at present is attending the Grand Prairie Seminary.

Albert Lorigan Lower, born May 4, 1894. He has attended the district school, and at present is with his sister, Bernice, at the Grand Prairie Seminary, Onarga, Ill.

Mary Madeline Lower, born November 16, 1895. She attended the public schools, and at present is attending the Pontiac Township High School at Pontiac, Ill. All five children were born in Broughton Township, Livingston County, Ill., and all are members of the Congregational Church.

FOURTH GENERATION.

LEON LEROY LOWER, third son of Abram and Catherine (Miller) Lower, was born January 7, 1869, in

Broughton Township, Livingston County, Ill. He attended the district school. He was married October 16, 1895, to Hanna Morris.

HANNA (MORRIS) LOWER was the third daughter of James and Mary (Carey) Morris, who were English and Irish, respectively, being natives of England and Ontario, Canada. Leon Leroy Lower and Hanna Morris) Lower are the parents of six children:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Arthur Abram Lower, born February 3, 1897.

Everett Edward Lower, born November 7, 1899.

Milton Morris Lower, born March 12, 1902.

Alta Elizabeth Lower, born November 17, 1904.

James Donald Lower, born March 21, 1907.

Gladys Catherine Lower, born February 15, 1910.

All of the above reside with their parents on a farm near Emington, Livingston County, Ill. The four oldest children are attending the public schools at the present time.

FOURTH GENERATION.

FRANK DAVID LOWER, fourth son of Abram and Catherine (Miller) Lower, was born November 5, 1870, in Broughton Township, Livingston County, Ill. In his early life he, with his brothers and sisters, attended the district school near their home. Since that time he has farmed. On September 15, 1891, he was married to Mary L. Weller, eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reinmiller) Weller, who were German by birth. Mary L. Weller was born Novem-

ber 2, 1871, in Rodgers Township, Ford County, Ill. To this union were born three children, namely:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Eulalia Marie, born November 2, 1894. She has finished her work in the district school, and is at present attending the Dwight High School, near which place her parents now reside.

Grace Alden, born December 10, 1900. At present she is attending the public school at Dwight, Ill.

Frances Louise, born October 2, 1909. All three were born in Broughton Township, Livingston County, Illinois.

FOURTH GENERATION.

MARIETTA LOWER, third daughter of Abram and Catherine (Miller) Lower, was born June 12, 1873, in Broughton Township, Livingston County, Ill. On February 5, 1895, she was married to Cyrus W. Hiddleston, who was born in Ford County, Ill., October 29, 1871, eldest son of George and Amanda (Inscow) Hiddleston, who are both American born, and among the oldest settlers in Ford County, Ill.

Cyrus Hiddleston has spent most of his time on a farm. He graduated from the C. L. Barns School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming, of Chicago, on February 16, 1910, and also took a post-graduate course at the Albert Worsham School, which profession he intends following. Two children were born to them, namely:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Vera Blanche, born November 28, 1895.

George Henry, born March 2, 1897.

Both were born at Cabery, Ford County, Ill., and at present both are attending the Cabery public schools.

FOURTH GENERATION.

LEAH GRACE LOWER, fifth daughter of Abram and Catherine (Miller) Lower, was born August 12, 1880, in Broughton Township, Livingston County, Ill. She was married, December 21, 1898, to Benjamin Morris, youngest son of James E. and Mary (Carey) Morris, who was born September 21, 1877, in Broughton Township, Livingston County, Ill. He is a brother of Hanna Morris, who married Leon Leroy Lower. To them were born five children, four of whom are living, namely:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Lila Morris, born March 17, 1900, near Campus, Ill.

Verne Lower Morris, born July 15, 1902, near Campus, Ill., and died September 25, 1902.

Catherine Morris, born November 1, 1903, at Plano, Illinois.

Louis Elwood Morris, born October 2, 1905, near Esmond, S. D.

Seth Allen Morris, born January 9, 1908, near Campus, Ill.

The two girls attend the district school near their home, which is near Campus, Ill., in Broughton Township.

FOURTH GENERATION.

LILLIAN LORETTA LOWER was born in Broughton Township, Livingston County, Ill., December 1, 1876, and is the seventh child of Abram and Catherine (Miller) Lower. She received the advantages of a good common-school education. She was engaged for several years as dressmaker at home and at Omaha, Neb. Her early education, acquired in the public schools of her county, was supplemented by a course at Grand Prairie Seminary, Onarga, Ill. Subsequently she taught school for a number of years in Kankakee County. She attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was married to Thomas P. Maguire December 14, 1907.

Thomas P. Maguire was born in Spencer, Will County, Ill., March 14, 1871, and is the fifth and youngest child of Thomas and Mary (Mary McKenna) Maguire, who were natives of Garrison, Fermanagh County, and Drumlish, Longford County, Ireland, respectively. His father was born January 16, 1826, and came to the United States in 1847. Working on a farm in Massachusetts two years, he came West, and went into the employ of the Michigan Central Railway, for whom he worked twenty-eight years. He located in Joliet, Ill., in 1854, and was married to Mary McKenna in 1861. They lived in Joliet and vicinity until 1878, when they moved to their farm, which they purchased in 1867, in Round Grove Township, Livingston County, Ill., where he still resides, she passing

away January 13, 1910, at the age of seventy-nine years.

During his boyhood our subject, Thomas P. Maguire, attended the common schools of Will and Livingston Counties, and spent two years at the Northern Indiana Normal School of Valparaiso, Ind. He has been actively engaged in farming his father's farm for a number of years, and also embarked in the grain and lumber business at Campus, Ill., with his only brother, James M., under the firm name of Maguire Brothers, which they conducted successfully for six years, and sold their plant to the Campus Grain Company. He continues to farm. As he lives within the corporate limits of the village of Campus, he has been an officer of the village for a number of years and is interested in other business enterprises in his town. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and a Democrat in politics. To them have been born three children:

FIFTH GENERATION.

Thomas, born December 8, 1908, at Campus, Ill.

Kenneth, born April 30, 1910, at Campus, Ill.

Dorothy, born September 3, 1911, at Campus, Ill.

FOURTH GENERATION.

GERTRUDE ADA LOWER, sixth daughter of Abram and Catherine (Miller) Lower, was born near Campus, Ill., April 23, 1882. She acquired her early education in a rural school, afterward attending Pontiac Township High School for one year. She then entered Grand Prairie Seminary and graduated from the com-

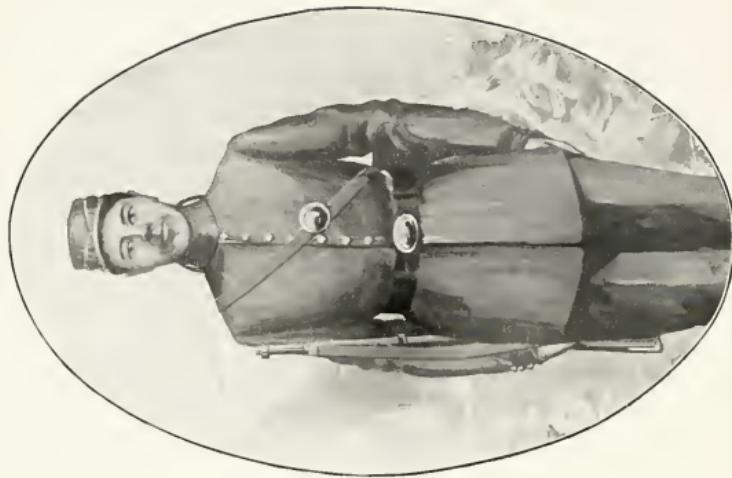
mercial department. December 12, 1905, she was united in marriage to John Willard Parsons, of Piper City, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are both members of the First Presbyterian Church of Piper City, Ill. Mr. Parsons is bookkeeper for Mr. McKinney, a lumberman.

John Willard Parsons, the oldest child of Jessie D. and Hannah (Walrich) Parsons, was born June 10, 1882, at Piper City, Ill. His father was the only son of Mark A. and Jane (Crossett) Parsons, who came to Illinois from Vermont. His mother, Hannah J. Walrich, was the eighth child of Otto and Margaret (Hempkin) Walrich, who came to America in 1857 from Havre, Germany. John Willard attended public school, and graduated from Piper City High School with the class of 1900. He entered Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Ill., and completed the commercial course. Since that time he has been employed as bookkeeper. In politics Mr. Parsons is a Republican.

THIRD GENERATION.

MARTIN LUTHER LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, was born at the old home near Williamsburg, Pa., April 1, 1838, where he lived with his parents till the spring of 1856, when he came West to Carroll County, Ill., with his father and brother, Abram, driving with team to Pittsburg, Pa., there taking boat to Savanna, Ill., and from there with team to Mount Carroll, and settled on a farm near where Lanark now stands, and remained there till August 9, 1862, when he enlisted in Company I, Ninety-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

MARTIN LUTHER LOWER, 1838-1863.



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL B. MCCOY.



for three years, or during the war. He did duty with his company till the winter of 1862-3, when he took sick at Danville, Ky., and was taken to Louisville, Ky., and put on boat to be taken to Nashville, Tenn., to join his regiment, when, reaching that place, he was much worse, and was left on the boat to return to Louisville, Ky. Soon after starting back, going down the Cumberland River, he died on the boat, February 20, 1863, and, as near as could be learned, was left at Clarksville, Tenn., where his remains still rest. He served but a short time, but gave his life for his country.

MARY CATHERINE LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, born September 20, 1840, near Williamsburg, Pa., came to Dwight, Ill., in 1861, and with her parents moved to Lanark, Ill., in 1863. She was married to Samuel B. McCoy, of Lanark, Ill., December 19, 1872. They lived on their farm near Lanark until the year 1902, when they bought land near Elk Point, S. D., and moved there, where she died May 15, 1909, and was brought to Lanark, Ill., and buried. Samuel Beatty McCoy was born in Washington County, Va., March 12, 1835; died at Elk Point, S. D., and was buried at Lanark, Ill. Their children were as follows:

FOURTH GENERATION.

FRANK McCoy, of Samuel B. and Mary C. (Lower) McCoy, born at Lanark, Ill., February 20, 1874. He is married and lives at Spokane, Wash.

ETHEL MAY McCoy, of Samuel B. and Mary C. (Lower) McCoy, born at Lanark, Ill., November 10,

1875; married Palmer S. Champlin at Elk Point, S. D., December 15, 1909. He was born at Kaneville, Ill., June 29, 1864. They have one child, Melvin Luther, born November 12, 1910, at Elk Point, S. D.

JOSEPH RAY MCCOY, of Samuel and Mary C. (Lower) McCoy, born February 6, 1884, at Lanark, Ill.; married Bertha Leota Thornton, of Elk Point, S. D., December 12, 1909. They have one child, Milton Ray, born August 3, 1910, at Elk Point, S. D., where they now reside.

ANNIE LEE MCCOY, of Samuel B. and Mary C. (Lower) McCoy, born at Lanark, Ill., October 28, 1879; died at Lanark, Ill., March 22, 1890.

THIRD GENERATION.

ELI L. LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, born July 17, 1843. He came, with his parents, to Illinois in 1861, and settled on a farm near Dwight, where he remained till 1862, when, at the call of President Lincoln for volunteers, he, on August 11, 1862, enlisted at Dwight, Ill., in Company B, 129th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years, or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Pontiac, Ill. In about two weeks the regiment was sent to Louisville, Ky., where the army under General Buell had fallen back, with Bragg's army after them. They remained there about two weeks, and were then sent to help drive the enemy out of Kentucky and Tennessee, going by way of Frankfort, Perryville and Danville on to Bowling Green, where they went into camp. Up to this time he drove a government team.



NEOMA (SNELL) LOWER, 1850-1895.

At this place he quit driving and went to his company. Here they remained about four weeks, then moved to Mitchellsville, Tenn., and for some months did guard duty along the Louisville and Nashville Railroad to Gallatin, Tenn. After leaving Bowling Green he was appointed wagon master, having charge of four six-mule teams and twelve head of horses to scout with. Four negroes did the work. The horses had to be under saddle every morning at sunrise, ready for a scout. In May, 1863, the regiment was moved to Nashville, Tenn. He then went back to his company. The regiment did guard duty at this place till February, 1864, when they marched to Chattanooga. While on the way it rained and sleeted for three days and nights. Arriving at the foot of Lookout Mountain, they went into camp, and remained there till the second of May, 1864. During this time the army was consolidated, and they became the Third Brigade of the Third Division of the Twentieth Corps, commanded by General Jo Hooker.

On May 2d, they, with the rest of the army, started on the Atlanta Campaign, taking part in the following battles: Resaca, Kingston, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain and Peach Tree Creek, Ga., where they lost sixty-two men out of the regiment in about one hour. This was on July 20, 1864. On August 1st they went into the trenches in front of Atlanta, where they remained till the 29th, when they made a grand retreat, falling back twelve miles across the Chattahoochee River, drawing the Confederates out of their works, while Sherman with the rest of the army played a

flank move, compelling them to withdraw from the city. On September 2d the Twentieth Corps moved into the city. The 129th Illinois Regiment, being part of it, was under fire one hundred and twenty days. This ended the Atlanta Campaign. They then went into camp at the edge of the city, where they remained several weeks, and were then ordered to move, not knowing where they were going; but several days after starting they called on each company for a detail to forage, and it fell to his lot, with others, to fill the place. He continued in that position till they reached Savannah, Ga., when they each went to their companies while they remained at that place.

On December 25, 1864, they crossed the Savannah River into South Carolina, when they were ordered to assume the same duty (foraging). After encountering many skirmishes on their way north, upon reaching Bentonsville, N. C., he, with others, was taken prisoner and sent to Richmond, Va., where they were confined in Libby Prison till the day before Grant took the place, when they were sent down the James River, landed between the picket lines, and let go to care for themselves. They went to the Union lines, from which they were sent to City Point, and on to Annapolis, Md., making the trip by water, and from there on to St. Louis, Mo., where they received furloughs for thirty days to go home, at the end of which time they returned to St. Louis, and were discharged May 30, 1865, and sent to Springfield, Ill., where he was mustered out of the United States service July 6, 1865.



RILLA (SUDERS) LOWER.

He then went to Dwight, Ill., where he remained a short time, when he went to Lanark, Ill., where his parents had moved during his absence, and went to work on the farm. He remained at home till the spring of 1868, when he and two sisters moved to Salem Township, where they kept house till the spring of 1870. On March 1, 1870, he married Neoma Snell. She was born February 3, 1850, at Bedford, Pa. She was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Shafer) Snell. She died at the old home in Salem Township, near Lanark, Ill., May 30, 1895, where they had lived for twenty-five years. She was a member of the Christian Church. To them were born eight children, namely:

Elwood and Derwood (twins), born October 28, 1870; Elwood died November 11, 1870; Derwood died January 23, 1871.

Louzella, born January 11, 1872; died March 4, 1874.

George Clyde, born September 10, 1874.

Ella May, born September 9, 1878; died December 4, 1879.

David Rosco, born April 11, 1880.

Jacob Fayette, born July 25, 1883.

Edna L., born April 28, 1885.

On December 6, 1896, he married Rilla Suders. She was born at Chambersburg, Pa., November 28, 1867. She was a daughter of George and Mary Suders, and is a member of the First Brethren Church. They continued to live on a farm in Salem Township till November, 1902, when they moved to Lanark, Ill., where they now reside. He has held the office of



OLD HOME OF ELI L. LOWER,
In Salem Township, near Lanark, Ill., now the home of G. C. Lower.

School Director fifteen years, and Road Commissioner of Salem Township nine years. He now holds the office of Supervisor in Rock Creek Township (1912). He has been Treasurer of the Rock Creek and Lanark Fire Insurance Company for twenty-six years. He has been a member of Shiloh Post, No. 85, G. A. R., Department of Illinois, since 1888, and has been Quartermaster eleven years. He has always been a farmer and stock raiser, and owns eight hundred and sixteen acres of land in Carroll County, Ill. He has always voted the Republican ticket and taken an active interest in politics.

FOURTH GENERATION.

GEORGE CLYDE LOWER, of Eli L. and Neoma Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., September 10, 1874; married Elizabeth Stoner February 16, 1899; she was born near Shannon, Ill., September 24, 1873. She is a daughter of David and Anna Stoner, and is of German descent. She is a member of the First Brethren Church. They have three children, as follows:

Gerald Stoner Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., June 5, 1900.

Bernice Winnifred Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., August 30, 1908.

Dorris Neoma Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., November 21, 1909.

George Clyde lives on the old home farm, the place of his birth, and is a successful farmer and stockman. In politics he is a Republican.

DAVID ROSCOE LOWER, of Eli L. and Neoma Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., April 11, 1880; married Edith



JOHN W. CHESSNUT, 1840-1901.



R. REBECCA LOWER, 1845-1865.
M. CATHERINE LOWER, 1849-1909.

Eliza Routzan October 2, 1901; she was born July 13, 1882, of Oliver J. and Maria L. Routzan, of Mount Carroll, Ill. They have three children, as follows:

Verna Neoma Lower, born July 2, 1902.

Kenneth Robert Lower, born October 17, 1904.

Donald Russell Lower, born June 25, 1906.

David Roscoe is a successful farmer and stock raiser, and lives on a farm in Salem Township, Carroll County, Ill. His present address is Mount Carroll, Ill. His politics are Republican.

JACOB FAYETTE LOWER, of Eli L. and Neoma Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., July 25, 1883; married Minnie Dorothea Michel November 29, 1906; she was born May 28, 1885, of Henry and Dorothea Michel, who came from Germany. They have one child, Joseph Fayette Lower, born June 27, 1908. Jacob Fayette is a successful farmer and stockman, and lives on a farm in Rock Creek Township, Carroll County, Ill. His present address is Lanark, Ill. He is a Republican in politics.

EDNA L. LOWER, of Eli L. and Neoma Lower, born at Lanark, Ill., April 28, 1885; married Abram Myers Hawbecker November 14, 1908. He was born August 13, 1875, of David and Mary Hawbecker, at Mercersburg, Pa., and is of German descent. They have one child, Oma Esther Lower, born May 31, 1910. Edna L. is a graduate of the Lanark High School, and taught school for some time. They are members of the First Christian Church. Abram M. is a successful farmer and stockman, and lives on a farm in Salem Town-

ship, Carroll County, Ill. His politics are Republican. Their present address is Mount Carroll, Ill., R. F. D.

THIRD GENERATION.

RACHEL REBECCA LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, born near Williamsburg, Blair County, Pa., May 17, 1845, came with her parents to Illinois in 1861, and died September 20, 1865, and was buried in the Lanark Cemetery.

ANNA MARGARET LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, born near Williamsburg, Pa., May 14, 1848; married John W. Chesnut December 17, 1874. At thirteen years of age she came, with her parents, to Dwight, Ill.; living there three years, they moved to Lanark, Ill. Here she lived with her parents until married, when she and her husband moved to their new home near Adair, Iowa, where she still lives (1912), where he lived the remainder of his life, and where their nine children were born and grew to manhood and womanhood. Their names are as follows:

Zella L. Chesnut, born November 6, 1875.

Roe Lower Chesnut, born September 21, 1877.

Mable Clare Chesnut, born December 1, 1878.

Bessie Blanche Chesnut, born September 4, 1880.

Mary Hope Chesnut, born November 18, 1881.

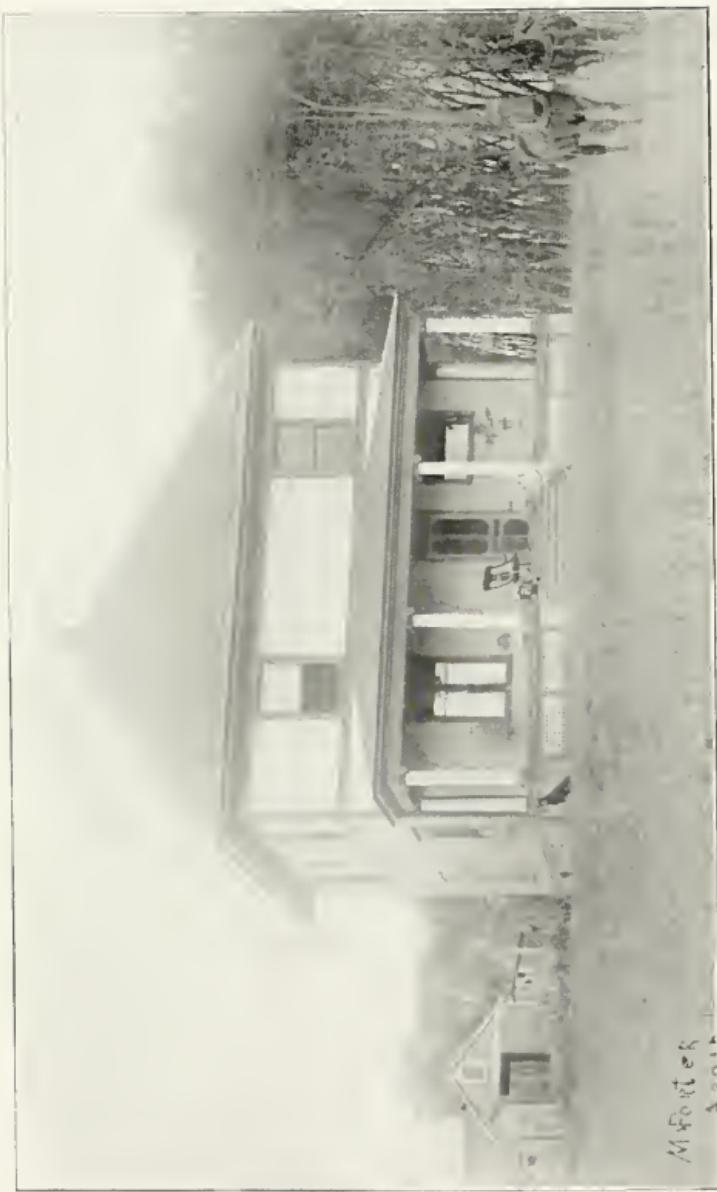
DeFaye Chesnut, born June 29, 1884.

Guy Waldo Chesnut, born July 25, 1886.

T. D. Melre Chesnut, born March 17, 1891.

Ruth Isabel Chesnut, born May 8, 1893.

John W. Chesnut was born in Fulton County, Pa.,



HOME OF MRS. ANNA M. CHESNUT, NEAR ADAIR, IOWA.

Mrs. Anna M.
Chesnut

May 22, 1840. He enlisted in Company K, Twenty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, at Chambersburg, Pa., at the age of nineteen. He was in the raid in the Shenandoah Valley, and was with his regiment all the time, except two months, during which time he was in the hospital at Annapolis, Md. He was mustered out of service at Cumberland, Md., and discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., November 6, 1865. The following spring he came to Lanark, Ill., where he resided for one year, after which he came to Iowa, and settled near Adair, in Adair County, on a farm, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred December 6, 1901.

FOURTH GENERATION.

ZELLA L. CHESNUT, of Anna Margaret and John W. Chesnut, born at Adair, Iowa, November 6, 1875; married Roy E. Patrick; he was born at Greenfield, Iowa, September 8, 1875. He lived there with his parents for several years, when they moved to near Anita, Iowa. In January, 1900, he went to Woodward, Okla., where they were married. They have three children, as follows: Margaret DeFaye, Evan LeRoy, and Edgar Bruce.

MARY HOPE CHESNUT, of Anna Margaret and John W. Chesnut, born at Adair, Iowa, November 18, 1881; married Earnest D. Largent in November, 1903; he was born August 11, 1884, near Adair, in Guthrie County, Iowa. They have two children, Mildred Marie and Nova Grace.



GEORGE H. WEED.

THIRD GENERATION.

HANNAH LEAH LOWER, of David and Susan Lower, born near Williamsburg, Pa., January 1, 1850; married George Harvey Weed November 22, 1874; he was born in Whiteside County, Ill., May 9, 1849. Hannah Leah was the youngest of a family of ten children, all of whom were born on the same farm on Piney Creek. In 1861 she, with her parents, three sisters and brother, Eli, moved to Dwight, Ill., where Abram, an older brother, already lived. In October, 1863, they, with two horses and a lumber wagon, drove to Lanark, Carroll County, Ill., locating on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land. As this was during the Civil War, and men's help was scarce, she and her sister, Anna, with their father, did all the work necessary to make a home of this prairie land. In 1870 they moved into the town of Lanark, her father having built the brick house, now known as the "Lower Brick." There she was married to George Harvey Weed; there their three oldest boys were born; there, too, her father died, after an illness of eight years, during which time she, with her mother and husband, were his constant attendants. After his death, in 1881, the family, together with her mother, moved back to the farm, where their two youngest children were born, and where they live at this time.

George Harvey Weed was the eldest son of Charles and Louisa (Ritcherdson) Weed. He had two brothers, Charles Henry and Edmund Calvin. When but four years of age his mother died of cholera at St. Clare,



CHILDREN OF DAVID AND SUSAN (RHODES) LOWER, WHO SURVIVED THEM.

Reading from left to right, standing: Abram, Levi, Eli L., Samuel, Anna Margaret (Mrs. Chessnut), Mary, Catherine (Mrs. McCoy), Hannah Leah (Mrs. Weed).

Iowa, in 1855. He had very little school education, and his boyhood days were spent in the several States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, New York and Illinois. He followed the butcher business in Lanark, Ill., for twelve years, has been Township Assessor ten years, besides many offices of trust in different fraternal and insurance organizations. He has always been a Republican in politics. He, with his wife, joined the English Lutheran Church of Lanark soon after their marriage, and have been blessed by seeing their children all brought into the same fold.

The Weed family dates back to 1560, and was originally French, named "De Grasse." But during the Huguenot persecution the family fled from France to Holland, and thence to England, and changed their name to Weed, so as to baffle their pursuers. Two brothers came from England in 1630. The Weed family have always distinguished themselves as doctors, missionaries, lawyers, divines, and last, but not least, soldiers. Brigadier-General Stephen H. Weed, mentioned in history, rose rapidly to fame during the Civil War. At the battle of Gettysburg, at Little Round Top, while leading his regiment almost to victory, he was killed by the Confederates. During all the long history of the Weed family there has never been mentioned a convicted criminal.

To them were born five children, as follows:

FOURTH GENERATION.

CHARLES LOWER WEED, eldest son of George H. and Hannah Leah (Lower) Weed, born at Lanark, Ill.,

September 10, 1875. He lived at Sunny Summit farm until March, 1902, at which time he formed a partnership with Jacob Grossman on the Norwood stock farm, near Lanark, raising and shipping pure-bred shorthorn cattle and Poland China swine. On March 25, 1903, he was married to Anna M. Sprecher, of Lanark, Ill. In December, 1906, his partner died, and in February, 1907, he purchased the entire business, and has lived on the Norwood stock farm, conducting the business, ever since. He is a graduate of the Lanark High School, and finds time, besides farming three hundred acres of land and conducting the stock business, to practice weekly with the Lanark band. He leads the church choir, also the church orchestra, playing first violin in same, and is what might truthfully be termed "a busy man."

ROBERT RICHARDSON WEED, of George H. and Hannah Leah (Lower) Weed, born at Lanark, Ill., May 8, 1877; was married to Maud Tallman April 17, 1905. She was a daughter of John and Sarah (Sarber) Tallman. They resided near Lanark, Ill., four years, when they moved to Sunny Side, Wash., where they now reside, and are engaged in the restaurant business. He also fills engagements with different musical organizations, being a slide trombonist.

JOHN LEO FLOYD WEED, of George H. and Hannah Leah (Lower) Weed, born at Lanark, Ill., November 16, 1878; married, February 20, 1909, to Hattie May Hanna, daughter of George and Rachel Hanna, of Milledgeville, Ill. Immediately after marriage they located at Sunny Side, Wash., where he had spent sev-

eral years before, making ready a home for them, and where they now reside. He also has musical talent, and is connected with various musical organizations.

ZULU SUE WEED, only daughter of George H. and Hannah Leah (Lower) Weed, born August 22, 1882, on the old homestead near Lanark, Ill., now called "Sunny Summit Farm." She attended the Lanark High School, and is an accomplished musician. On November 22, 1904, she was married to Walter Corbet Hawbecker, of Chicago, Ill., who was the son of Samuel and Lucy (McAlester) Hawbecker, and was born twelve miles west of Hagerstown, Md., October 2, 1876. He served in the Spanish-American War. When first married they located in Oklahoma City, Okla.; from there they moved to Little Rock, Ark., where he is engaged in the fire insurance business.

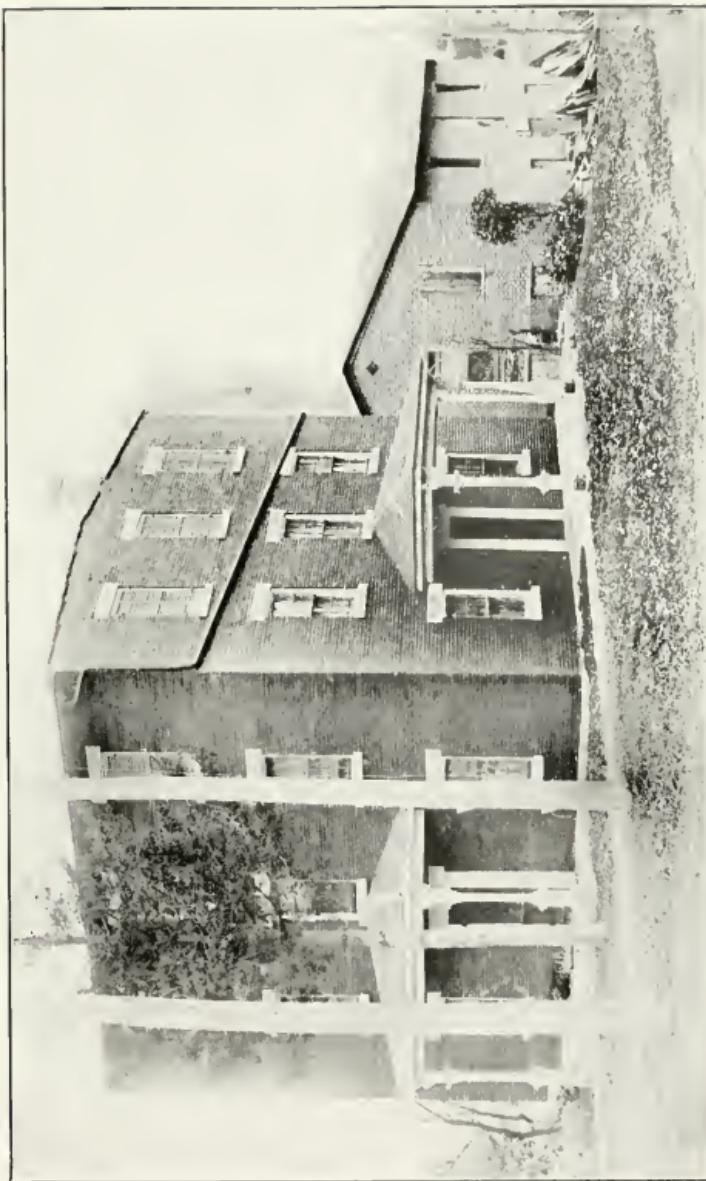
FIFTH GENERATION.

GEORGE WEED HAWBECKER, son of Zulu Sue (Weed) and Walter C. Hawbecker, born at Oklahoma City, Okla., December 16, 1906.

WALTER CORBET HAWBECKER, JR., son of Zulu Sue (Weed) and Walter C. Hawbecker, born at Little Rock, Ark., January 12, 1909.

FOURTH GENERATION.

RUSSELL DAVID WEED, youngest child of George H. and Hannah Leah (Lower) Weed, born at Sunny Summit farm, Lanark, Ill., July 19, 1894. He is living with his parents and attending the Lanark High School.



HOME OF DAVID AND SUSAN (RHODES) LOWER, IN LANARK, ILL.

APPENDIX.

This part of the history and genealogy is of another family of the same name, LOWER, and I am requested by the brothers at Hot Springs, Ark., to incorporate their history in this book, so that it may be preserved. I am reasonably certain that they are descendants of Adam Lower, of Williamsburg, Pa., and I earnestly hope that some member of each branch will continue this investigation and make a more careful and extended search than I have been able to make. It is a source of great regret to me that I am unable to find these missing links.

JOHN STRANGE LOWER was born April 30, 1813, at either Wilkesbarre or Philadelphia, Pa. His parents came from Germany, his father's first name being Jacob, his wife's Nancy. Jacob Lower died at Noblesville, Ind., in 1853, at the age of eighty-six years. Nancy Lower died at the age of seventy-four at the home of her son, Jacob, in Iowa, on May 28, 1863. The descendants understand that John Strange Lower's grandfather's name was Adam, and was one of five brothers who came to America from Germany. He (John Strange Lower) first married Mary Hamilton, April 4, 1833, who died April 28, 1848, at Indianapolis, Ind. There were two children by this marriage, Hannah J. Lower, born June 4, 1835, and William Hamilton Lower, born May 29, 1838. Both these children are dead, and have been for some years. He

next married Mrs. Sabina J. Roberts, a widow, whose maiden name was Sabina J. Dunlap, at Shreveport, La., on June 2, 1848. From this marriage the following children were born:

Albert Lower, at Noblesville, Ind., July 31, 1849.

George H. Lower, at Cincinnati, O., September 18, 1851.

Charles S. Lower, at Jacksonville, Ill., October 3, 1854.

Edward P. Lower, at Logansport, Ind., February 23, 1857.

Robert H. Lower, at Cairo, Ill., August 4, 1861.

Harry R. and Frank, at Evansville, Ind., October 24, 1864.

Two of the above are now dead (1911) as follows:

Albert, who was murdered by burglars while defending the family property at Columbus, Ky., August 10, 1882. Frank, twin brother of Harry R., at Evansville, Ind., at the age of seven months.

George, Charles and Robert reside at present at Hot Springs, Ark. Harry lives at Cairo, Ill., and Edward at Anadarko, Okla.

ALBERT LOWER and Emma Lancashire were married at Columbus, Ky., on August 29, 1873, and were blessed with two children, May, born at Columbus, Ky., June 2, 1874, and Frank, born at Vicksburg, Miss., September 1, 1879. Both are married and have families. Frank is living at Baton Rouge, La., and May in New Orleans, La.

GEORGE H. LOWER and Ada Mary Brooks, daughter of Dr. John Beaty Brooks and wife, Eva, were mar-

ried at Hot Springs, Ark., October 22, 1889. Ada Mary Brooks was born at Geneseo, Ill., December 10, 1871. She was the youngest daughter of Dr. Brooks, the eldest being Mrs. Zillah Gordon, wife of William L. Gordon, now residents of Asbury Park, N. J. Of the marriage, two children were born to George H. Lower and wife, Ada, as follows: Eva Brooks Lower, at Hot Springs, Ark., November 17, 1892, and Jane Dunlap Lower, at Hot Springs, Ark., November 15, 1900. Jane Dunlap Lower died at Hot Springs, Ark., on March 18, 1906.

CHARLES S. LOWER and Sue L. Turner were married at St. Francis, Ark., October 1, 1884. Of this marriage were the following children:

Ethel Lower, born at St. Francis, Ark., January 20, 1886.

Harry Lower, born at Chidester, Ark., October 12, 1887.

Madge Lower, born at Chidester, Ark., July 9, 1889.

Robert Lower, born at Hunter, Okla., August 3, 1899.

George Lower, born at Hunter, Okla., December 26, 1901.

All are alive except Ethel, the first-born, who died at Columbus, Ky., October 1, 1886.

EDWARD P. LOWER and Josephine Marsh were married at Greeneville, Miss., April 27, 1880. From this marriage one child was born, Jessie, who died later, and was soon followed to the grave by her mother. Subsequently, on March 9, 1887, Edward married Faulkner Howell, at Wickliffe, Ky., from which mar-

riage there was a son, Creech, born at Hennessey, Okla., August 20, 1890, and a daughter, Lorine, born at Wickliffe, Ky., February 2, 1888, and died May 1, 1889.

ROBERT H. LOWER and Alice Wilder were married at Columbus, Ky., October 16, 1885. One child was born, a son, whom they named Albert, after his uncle, Albert, who was murdered prior to his birth. He is still living with his father in Hot Springs, Ark. Alice Lower died at Hot Springs, Ark., on October 31, 1888. Subsequently Robert H. Lower married Nettie Cummins at Hot Springs, Ark., November 17, 1891, from which marriage there are two children, as follows: Aline, born at Hot Springs, Ark., May 8, 1893, and Francis, born at Hot Springs, Ark., May 4, 1903.

HARRY R. LOWER and Agnes Hires were married at Clinton, Ky., May 25, 1887. Of this marriage there is one son, Roy, who was born at Columbus, Ky., August 17, 1892.

Detailing his early family recollections, George H. Lower, the eldest of the living brothers of this branch of the family, says: "I distinctly remember that neither grandfather nor grandmother could speak plain English. From conversations I overheard between my parents, the impression was created upon my mind that my great-great-grandfather's name was Adam. My father, John Strange Lower, worked in a tailor shop in Philadelphia when a young man, and before his marriage to my mother. Afterward he graduated in medicine at the Ohio State Medical College at Cincinnati, and devoted the rest of his life to the practice

of that profession. During the Civil War he was employed in the service of the United States Government as assistant surgeon of the post at Cairo, Ill. He frequently filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church in that city. He and all of his family were members of that denomination as far back as can be traced. The fact of the marriage of my parents occurring at Shreveport, La., on June 2, 1848, indicates that soon after father graduated in medicine he removed South, returning North subsequently, and then going to Shreveport still later, as I find the family, which at that time consisted of father, mother, Hannah, William, Albert and myself, the first two-named children being from father's first marriage and our step-sister and step-brother, were compelled to join in the general flight from Shreveport by the epidemic of cholera in 1854, going back to Cincinnati, O. Father was the only physician aboard the steamboat making the trip from the little Louisiana town up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to a safer locality. From stories related often in years after by father and mother, he saved the lives of every one of the several hundred passengers and members of the crew on board. He would stand the passengers and crew up in a line down the cabin of the steamer at stated intervals throughout the day and night and administer to them his cholera remedy, a copy of which we still have, written in his own hand. At this time we must have gone, early after our arrival at Cincinnati, to Jacksonville, Ill., where Charles was born in 1854; then to Logansport, Ind., where Edward was born in 1857; from there to

Warsaw, Ind.; thence to Cape Girardeau, Mo., where we remained until the outbreak of the war, when we removed to Cairo, Ill., where Robert was born in 1860. From there we removed to Evansville, Ind., where the schools were excellent, and it being the desire of our parents to give their children the benefit of the best schools. Here the twin brothers, Harry and Frank, were born in 1864, the latter dying seven months later. After three years' residence at Evansville, we removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where there were splendid educational facilities. Here we remained a year or more, removing to Quincy, Ill., thence to St. Louis, and returning from there to Cairo, Ill., in 1867, where father contracted dysentery, and died December 11, 1867, his remains being interred at Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Ind. Mother and the children then removed to Columbus, Ky., nineteen miles south of Cairo, on the Mississippi River, where later mother died in 1870, her remains being taken to Evansville and laid to rest beside those of father and brother Frank.

"My recollection is that father had three brothers. William is thought to have been captured and massacred by Indians at the famous Mountain Meadow massacre in 1857 while crossing the plains with his family to Oregon. Nehemiah died a federal prisoner at Andersonville prison during the Civil War. Jacob died at the home of a son in Iowa. Father evidently had at least two sisters, Sarah and Lucinda, both of whom are dead, the former dying at Des Moines, Iowa, and the latter at Anderson, Ind. I am satisfied father

had other brothers and sisters. A few years ago one, Mrs. Reynolds, was living at Des Moines, Iowa, at the ripe old age of ninety years. When but a small child I distinctly remember seeing grandfather and grandmother. This must have been at Noblesville, Ind., at a time when we were removing from that place to Jacksonville, Ill., and when we were bidding them a last farewell at the little railway station I can distinctly remember, young as I was."

JACOB LOWER, of Jacob and Nancy Lower, married in Indiana, and here were born to them six children, namely: Asbury C., Emery W., Melvil W., Mary I., Nancy A., and Olive E.

ASBURY C. LOWER lives at Herrington, Kan. He is Police Judge, Justice of the Peace, and a Notary Public.

EMERY W. LOWER died in the service during the Civil War.

MELVIL LOWER died when quite young near Winemac, the county seat of Pulaski County, Ind.

MARY I. LOWER married Robert Templeton, and died at Osage City, Kan., June 2, 1909.

NANCY A. LOWER married, and lives at this time (1912) in Osage City, Kan.

OLIVE E. LOWER married, and lives near Richland, Keokuk County, Iowa.

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